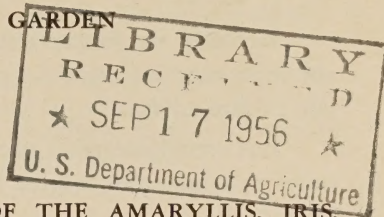


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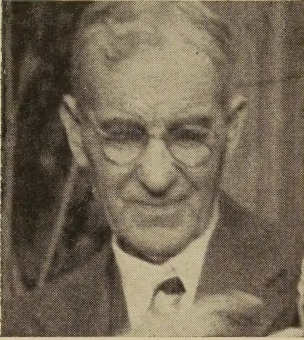
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A PERSONAL LETTER, — to You.

Dear Floral Friends:

Recently we had a letter thanking us for the many catalogs we had sent although they had sent no orders. We were complimented on the usefulness of our culture advice.

But compliments do not pay for the cost of printing and mailing catalogs. In order to render this service to persons who like to grow plants we must make a profit and if we send too many catalogs to unresponsive persons the ratio between cost and profit becomes unbalanced.



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This fall we shall probably send out over one ton of catalogs. Late in the season, we will begin revising our Mailing List and all file cards that show no purchase for the last two years will be discarded. Only those who have sent orders for at least \$1.00 or more—preferably more, in the last two years, will receive our spring catalog in January, 1957.

Our financial standing is good and we want to keep it that way by eliminating wasted energy and useless expense.

I believe you will find the best selection of African violets that is listed on the West Coast herein. We have many that are not listed.

They are grown in an air-conditioned greenhouse. In other houses we grow Dutch Amaryllis, Achimenes, Anthuriums, Orchids, Foliage Plants and many unusual plants.

We really have too many Anthuriums and we are reducing their prices. We are able to supply a nice selection of foliage plants and of Cattleya and other orchids.

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Sincerely,

CECIL HOUDYSHEL

TERMS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING

Prices in this catalog cancel all former prices. They are for one bulb unless otherwise stated. 12 bulbs are sold for price of 10 or 6 for price of 5. 100 bulbs for price of 70 unless noted. Books, garden supplies and plants take no quantity discounts. California customers must add 4% Sales Tax. Gov. Knight recently raised it from 3%.

Remit in advance, in full, by check or M.O. No C.O.D. No charge accounts carried. Nothing reserved unless paid for in full. These terms reduce our expenses and lower the costs to you. Checks and M.O.'s must be payable to Cecil Houdyshel to fit our endorsement stamp. 1, 2 or 3 cent stamps are accepted for small sums—under \$1.00.

Postal rates have more than doubled but we still prepay all items unless listed "postage extra," when the order is for \$1.00 or more. If under \$1.00, send 25c extra. If you wish to add a little for postage it will not be refused. When postage extra is required or if sales tax is due and you do not send, we notify you before shipping and charge you 5c for the notice. Thus we both lose. Better to send in the first place.

If you want your order to go **Express Collect** for added safety and protection we include either larger sizes or extras. If by **air mail** we charge the customer only the excess cost above that required by regular parcel post. Estimate this and state you will promptly pay the difference if not enough.

Insurance up to \$5.00 costs 5c extra. \$5.00 to \$10.00, 10c. \$10.00 to \$25.00, 15c. Over \$25.00, cost is in proportion to \$25.00 value rate. Postal insurance covers all except freezing in transit. **Special Handling** costs 15c up to 2 lbs.; 2 to 10 lbs., 20c. **Special Delivery** is better as it also speeds delivery and is handled more carefully. We are not responsible if plants are not immediately taken indoors. Up to 2 lbs. costs 35c. 2 to 10 lbs., 45c. Over 10 lbs., 60c. Each fee is for one package only.

Order blanks. Make your own. They should not be in letter form as this makes it difficult for packers. Place one item only in a line, in this order: 1. Quantity ordered. 2. Name of item but not description. 3. Price of item. Below add other extra expenses like sales tax, insurance, Special Delivery, postage if required.

Wholesale. We give no discounts to dealers. There are several items we can supply wholesale. Send your want list and we will quote our best quantity prices.

Foreign Orders. If postage exceeds that to our 8th postal zone we charge the excess. Include a little extra for excess postage. **Canadians** should apply to Sec. of Destructive Insects and Pest Act, Advisory Board, Ottawa, Ontario, for Permit and labels and send with order. **Important.** A new Canadian regulation requires a Certificate of Health, from our Inspector, to accompany each shipment. To do this he must make a special inspection of each order. He charges us 50c for this which you must pay. Please add 50c to each order for this purpose. This 50c fee applies also to all foreign orders. Many Latin American Countries have laws governing importations. Be sure to inform yourself and act accordingly. Ask your postmaster.

Partial Shipments are made if bulbs are not all dormant at same time. We deliver everything within the season for correct planting.

We **guarantee** our bulbs to be true to name and healthy and replace them if not. If you follow our directions in this catalog, they will grow and flower. We cannot assume responsibility if you do not. Such a guarantee usually means that the expense of replacements is spread over the entire sales and everyone pays more for the plants. Everyone fails sometimes and we try to learn from our failures. As necessary **culture directions** are in this catalog, we send none with the bulbs and other plants.

Catalogs. **Spring** Catalog mailed Jan. 15. **Fall** Catalog, Aug. 15, or soon after. If you do not send us your orders your name is dropped from our mailing list. If not interested please refuse catalog or ask P.M. to return at our expense. Current catalogs are free. If an old catalog is wanted, please send a dime for it.

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General Culture Directions

Rich sandy loam is the best soil. But if too sandy, it may lack fertility. It will require more rainfall or irrigation. The ideal garden soil will contain sand, clay and humus. Some plants, like Bearded Iris, do best in a heavy soil. Plants of this nature seldom if ever like shade or acid soils and deep drainage is not so necessary. Other plants, like Gloriosas, must have deep sandy soil. Probably most tuberous plants prefer sandy soil.

All soils require the addition of much humus. Compost all garbage, weeds, leaves, cut branches and manures. When rotted, add to soil and thoroly mix.

Fertilizer. We recommend only animal manures, compost and commercial fertilizers that are mostly of organic origin such as **Spoonit**, listed in this catalog. In the outside garden fresh manure can be used on most plants that are growing vigorously as a very light mulch, but after flowering. Too much fertilizer before flowering may almost or wholly stop the flowers. When the growth of a plant becomes abnormally rapid it is unlikely to flower or produce fruits.

Do not fertilize a plant in dry soil, or use manure (unless thoroly rotted in a compost heap) in the soil before planting bulbs, seeds or plants. Water lawns, trees, and plants well the day before applying fertilizer and again a few days after application. Do not fertilize a sick plant in order to make it well. You are more likely to make it worse or even kill it. Small plants and seedlings should not have too much either. Lush, rapid growth may be weak and "flabby." Sturdy growth with firm structure is better.

Compare plants with people. Both are living, organic beings. Air, water and food are necessary for their growth and health. But one does not give babies beefsteak, fried potatoes, apple pie and a cup of coffee. Nor is this a good diet for an invalid or an ill person, however good it may be for one in vigorous health who performs hard physical labor. Nor should plants be over-fed or fed at all if sick or thirsty. But since one cannot add much rich food when potting a bulb, very good results may be obtained by a monthly feeding of very weak liquid manure, color of very weak tea. A more convenient way is to use Spoonit, which we list under Garden Supplies.

After blooming, many neglect their bulbs. As a result the bulbs do not flower the following year. For success one must continue to give good culture. This is the time to fertilize, irrigate and cultivate frequently, until yellowing foliage indicates the bulb is becoming dormant. During this growth period next year's flower buds are formed.

Depth of planting and distance apart often cause too much concern. Bulbs usually have sufficient adaptability to do well under widely varying conditions. If left in one place a few years, most bulbs adjust themselves to their preferred depth. Approximately, bulbs should be about 2 or 3 times their diameter apart unless their habit of growth is spreading—like *Ranunculus*. In such cases plant farther apart. Bulbs as large as *Daffodils* may be 4" to 6" deep. Bulbs with a heavy erect stem need deep planting in order to remain erect. Plant deeper in light sandy soil than in heavy soils and in cold climates to protect them from frost. A winter mulch will help protect.

Pests. Snails, slugs, ants, mealy bugs, thrips, aphids, leaf hoppers, mites, red spider and scale are among the most serious pests in the garden or on house and greenhouse plants. They must be controlled. See our listing of **Insecticides** under **Garden Supplies**.

Acid and Alkaline Soils. Most plants thrive in mildly acid, neutral or mildly alkaline soils. But others do not have so wide a range of tolerance. *Rhododendrons*, *Azaleas*, *Camellias*, *Gardenias*, *Zantedeschias*, *Caladiums* (and other members of *Arum* family), *Nerines*, *Haemanthus*, *Gloxinias*, *Begonias*, *Orchids* and most shade loving plants require an acid soil. Some like *Gladiolus* prefer mildly acid to neutral soils; Bearded Iris do best in neutral to alkaline soils. The acid-alkali balance depends upon the concentration of hydrogen ions in a saturated solution. This is expressed in pH units. pH7 is neutral.

Below that the acidity increases; above it the alkalinity increases. For the mathematical, I will explain that the numeral is the negative logarithm denoting the concentration of hydrogen ions in gram atoms per liter.

In regions having heavy rainfall, excess alkali is usually dissolved and carried away by the runoff. Semi-arid regions usually have alkaline soils. Calif. soils usually have too much unless cover crops or applications of humus, which are acid, have lowered the pH. Some Texas soils are too alkaline. The remedy is obvious. Apply humus, ground phosphate rock, or small, even applications of sulphur. Improve the drainage.

Chlorosis of plants, indicated by lighter green streaks of foliage, may not be due to a virus disease, in all cases. It may indicate lack of all required nutrients, some of which cannot go into solution in an alkaline medium. Among such nutrients are Nitrogen and Iron which are soluble only in acids. Mild acidity is usually best. Iron Chelate in minute quantities often corrects chlorosis. Be careful. It burns if too strong.

Potting Directions. Use clean pots of the right size, neither too large nor too small. A 2½" Amaryllis, for example, needs a 6" pot. A 1½" Eucharis needs a 5" pot. Small bulbs like Ranunculus or Achimenes may have 3 to 5 in a 5" or 6" pot. Cover the hole at bottom with a piece of broken pot, concave side down. Above this place a handful of sphagnum moss to prevent the soil from sifting into and clogging the drainage material.

The drainage must be perfect and it is essential that the soil above this drainage be of a friable texture that permits water to pass thru freely. Only sandy soil will answer this purpose. Add enough sand so that it feels very gritty. The potting soil we like best is about 2 parts of peat or leaf mould and 1 of sand. If peat is used a little woods earth or pure rotted leaves and twigs may be added. Plain dirt, especially if clay is present, or any mixture that becomes lumpy when dry is likely to produce poor results. Mulch surface with wet sphagnum to prevent erosion when watering and too rapid drying at surface.

Basketing. Vining or pendant plants like Achimenes, Aeschynanthus and several of the other Gesneriaceae, Begonia Lloydii, Ceropegias, etc. look best and do best in our wire baskets, altho they can be grown in pots, suspended by the "Snap-on" pot hangers. Wire baskets allow perfect drainage and we prefer them also for some orchids like Laelias. We offer the best wire baskets made. Painted wire baskets soon rust out. Ours are galvanized, polished, not soldered but welded.

Place a thick layer of wet sphagnum on bottom and sides of basket. It should be well compressed and at least 1" or 2" thick. For the center one can use a mixture of peat, leaf mould and sand—or any soil formula favorable to the plant. For certain Orchids, Episcias and sometimes other plants, we use only sphagnum thruout.

Fertilizers for pots and baskets. The soils recommended above are low in fertility. One cannot add enough to last an entire season. Such an amount would burn the young roots as rapidly as formed. A small quantity of dry, powdered dairy manure is safe but we seldom use it. We prefer to add 1 tablespoonful of bone meal which is slowly soluble and slow acting and a level teaspoonful of blood meal, which is strong and quick in action, to each 6" potful of soil. Too much blood will burn. When plants are in full growth, they may be fed with weak liquid manure, color of weak tea, every three to four weeks. **Spoonit** supplies a more complete ration, better balanced and more convenient. Use of inorganic forms of nitrogen can have bad results.

Temperatures and light exposure are discussed with the listings.

Sources of Further Information. Always consider the source of your information. Experience is worth more than reading knowledge. Commercial growers usually have had the experience. Please note our **Garden Reference Books**. Join local Garden Clubs. Subscribe for as many Garden Magazines as you have time to read. We especially recommend **The Flower Grower**, Dept. H., Albany, N.Y., **Popular Gardening**, Dept. H, 383 Madison Ave., New York 17, N.Y., **Horticulture**, Dept. H, Boston 15, Mass.

GARDEN REFERENCE BOOKS

Bailey's Cyclopedic of Horticulture. This 3-vol. set of over 3,600 pages describes almost every cultivated plant and has a wealth of culture information. Price \$52.00.

Hortus Second (Bailey). A concise Dictionary of Gardening. This 778-page volume lists and describes nearly every plant offered in catalogs, and some that are not in the Cyclopedic of Hort. It contains a few culture hints. Price \$12.50.

Amaryllis and How to Grow Them, by Peggy Schulz. This book was written for amateurs and by a well known amateur. It contains much useful information. 128 pages, many line drawings, photographs and two colored plates. \$2.95.

Bulb Magic In Your Window. 100 bulbs to grow in your window, from Achimenes to Zephyranthes. 214 pages. 3 color plates and 42 full page illustrations. Complete growing instructions. \$3.95.

Enjoy Your House Plants. Excellent handbook of window gardening by Dorothy Jenkins and Helen Van Pelt Wilson. 238 pages. Price, \$3.00.

The New Greenhouse Gardening for Everyone, Ernest Chabot. Important factors are noted, including correct temperatures for forcing plants, bulbs, and orchids. \$4.75.

How to Grow Rare Greenhouse Plants. A new book on greenhouse gardening by Ernest Chabot. Complete directions for greenhouse culture of 260 rare plants. Everyone having a greenhouse should have both books. 182 pages. Illustrated. \$4.00.

Geraniums, Pelargoniums, by Helen Van Pelt Wilson. 248 pages, 7 color plates, many drawings and illustrations. Best book on this subject. \$3.95.

Gloxinias, and How to Grow Them, by Peggy Schulz. Illustrated by colored plates and line drawings. Many Gloxinia relatives discussed, 128 pages. \$2.95.

Growing Plants Under Artificial Lights, by Peggy Schulz. 146 pages. One color plate and many illustrations. \$3.50.

Tuberous Begonias, by Worth Brown. Mr. Brown is one of our most important hybridizers and wholesale growers. His book is a complete guide for the successful growing and propagation, outdoors or as house plants. 128 pages, illustrated. \$3.50.

Brief culture directions for Orchids, including Cattleyas, Cymbidiums, Cyripediums, and others are given in our 1949 Orchid Price list. All listings in this six page folder are cancelled, prices are much lower now. Price 25c. Our booklet, "How To Grow Orchids" is out of print.

The Iris 400, 1949 to 1951 price lists give good culture advice and tell how to get abundant bloom every year. Present Iris prices are lower. We have no recent price list. Six pages. 25c.

The Complete Book of African Violets, by Helen Van Pelt Wilson. This is completely new and gives best information on hundreds of varieties. 29 Saintpaulias are shown in full color. 256 pages, fully illustrated. \$3.50.

How to Grow African Violets, by Carolyn Rector. 62 pages, paper-board covers. Illustrated. How to grow from seed, prepare potting soils, pollinate and hybridize, control pests, diseases, groom plants for show and grow from leaf cuttings. \$1.50.

A to Z On Fuchsias. 136 pages. Cloth bound. Illustrations, some in color. 700 varieties described. \$3.25. Supplement to bring your book up to date, 25c.

Garden Supplies

Postage Extra is necessary on several items below. The weight when packed is given on these items. It is clearly stated that you must send the postage when you order. Many do not and we must write for it. Here is how to find it. We are very near Los Angeles. Call your P.O. and ask the cost of postage on the packed weight given from your P.O. to Los Angeles and send us that amount. If you do not send the postage in full with order

(sales tax too if in Calif.), we write and ask for it before shipping and charge you 5c extra for the notice.

If your shipment goes by express, no postage is due. But the minimum cost of an express package is now \$1.85, any weight, any distance.

Snail-Kil Pellets. 1 lb., 45c, plus postage for 2 lbs. Two pounds, 75c, plus postage for 3 lbs.

Thrip O cide. Contains DDT. Kills thrips on Gladiolus or other plants. Scale on Orchids. 2 oz. 65c prepaid.

Vio-Vim, a fungicide and bactericide for African Violets. 75c prepaid. Its effect is apparent in the stimulated growth of the plant.

Wonder Garden Spray. Spray as directed for cyclamen mite, mealy bug, red spider and other pests. \$1.10 prepaid.

We assume no risk for results with insecticides.

Spoonit is the fertilizer we use on African Violets and on all house plants. A new, improved formula is now available. **Analysis:** nitrogen, 18%; phosphoric acid, 20%; potash, 17%. To use, dissolve level tablespoonful in 1 gal. water or level teaspoonful in 1 qt. Give Transplants half strength. Apply every 3 or 4 weeks. It never burns. **Prices:** 6 oz. package 50c plus 8c postage. 15 oz. pkg., \$1.00, plus postage on 1 lb. (See paragraph 1 above). 2½ lb. pkg., \$2.00 plus postage on 3 lbs.

Black Magic, African Violet Mix. The users praise it. 8 oz., price 49c. Plus 10c postage. Dampen before using.

Horticultural Peat. High quality. 3 lbs., 50c, f.o.b. Send postage for 4 lbs.

Sphagnum Moss. Best we can get. 70c per lb. gross weight. Postage extra, for 1 lb.

Plant Labels. The following are plastic labels, easily written upon with pencil. **Pot Labels,** length 4½", 35c doz. Length 3½", 30c doz. Small labels for African Violets, 2" long, 25c doz. **Orchid Labels.** Perforated on one end, but without wire or cord, 2½", 30c doz. **Aluminum Tree Labels.** Emboss name on label with sharp pencil or ball point pen. Two sheets of Aluminum make this strong and permanent, with wire to tie on, 35c doz. Package of 50, \$1.00. On orders under \$1.00, send 25c extra.

Wire Baskets. Our wire baskets are electrically welded, galvanized, non-rusting. The best obtainable. They look better, last longer than painted, soldered baskets and cost but little more. Price, with hangers, 8", \$1.00 ea., \$11/doz. 10", \$1.25 ea., \$13.50/doz. 16", \$2.75 ea., \$25.00/doz., postpaid.

Snap On Pot Hangers, for hanging any size pot. Galvanized. 50c ea., \$5.00/doz. Three or more, postpaid. On less, send 10c ea. for postage.

Baffle Spray Fogger. For greenhouse, lathhouse or outside. Fits ½" pipe. Adjustable fog spray thrown 6 ft. increases humidity, lowers temperature. Price, \$1.36. If by mail add 10c.

Hose End Fogger. Coarse or fine spray. Useful for spraying orchids, tub. begonias, etc., and for damping greenhouse to increase humidity or as a moveable fogger. \$1.74. Postage, 10c extra.

Rootone. Dust seed, roots of transplants, end of cuttings or base of bulbs for quick rooting, more rapid growth. ½ oz. 50c postpaid. 1 lb. can, \$5.00, plus postage for 2 lbs.

Vitamin B-1, 100 tablets. 75c.

Directions for use, applying only to our own tablets. In transplanting bulbs or any plants, loose roots, dissolve 5 tablets in 1 gal. of water. Soak roots in this 15 to 30 min. Pour solution around plant when set. To stimulate growing plants, for the first application, dissolve one tab. in 2 gal. water. For succeeding waterings, use 1 tab. to 4 gal. water once a week. **Warning.** Do not soak dormant bulbs in Vit. B-1. It rots them.

CATALOG ARRANGEMENT

is by Plant Families, according to their relationship.

In the following lists the **genus** (plu. genera) is mentioned first. After it, the species (plu. also species) or horticultural variety is named. The word "Specie" has no horticultural significance. It means "hard money." The initial of the genus is used for the second and succeeding species. Thus A. will stand for Amaryllis or Agapanthus depending on the genus last named in full.

THE AMARYLLIS FAMILY—Amaryllidaceae

This Family includes the following bulbs, Agapanthus thru Zephyranthes.

The American Plant Life Society was founded in 1934 as The American Amaryllis Society. The interests of the Society have recently been enlarged to include other bulbs and plants and the name changed but with no lessening of interest in Amaryllids.

The annual book, "**Herbertia**," is devoted to Amaryllids. It consists of about 250 pages, beautifully illustrated, on fine book paper, and is edited by Dr. Hamilton P. Traub of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, (now retired) the greatest living authority on the Amaryllidaceae. Each member receives a copy.

The members also receive the occasional publication, "Plant Life," on other bulbs and plants. Due to present increased costs these publications at present are included in one volume per year.

Those who grow Amaryllis as an interesting and intellectual hobby and who love their vivid beauty, are invited to become members of the society. The annual dues are \$3.00 per year, which you may send to Thomas W. Whitaker, Executive Secy., Box 150, La Jolla, Calif. Subscribe before Dec. 31 for 1957 edition.

The Society also publishes the following book, bound in Manila paper.

Amaryllidaceae: Tribe Amarylleae, by Traub and Moldenka. 18 illustrations, 194 pages. \$4.00. This is a systematic treatment of one of the main tribes of Amaryllids, in scientific language. The most important work on the taxonomy of Amarylleae since the publication of Baker's "The Amaryllideae," in 1888. Order from Mr. Whitaker.

Amaryllid nomenclature. Carolus Linnaeus, father of modern botany, made the first, rather complete scientific arrangement of plants according to relationships in the 18th century. His information about many plants was wholly inadequate to achieve perfection. Even in my later first French edition, 1798, nearly all American epiphytic orchids were placed in one genus, Epidendrums, and under the genus Amaryllis he included certain Crinums, Zephyranthes, Sprekelias, Brunsvigias, Nerines, etc. Botany is a progressive science and later explorations and discoveries have made possible many improvements in plant classification and have required changes in nomenclature. Horticulturists are often loath to accept the new classifications and names. But we must do so even if inconvenient at first. It is not logical to continue an error.

In our catalogs, we accept changes in classification and names as made by recent writers in Herbertia. These have been approved by "Gentes Herbarum," the publication of the Bailey Hortorium of Cornell University.

Agapanthus, Blue Lily of the Nile. They flower here in June to Aug. In the north they must be grown in large pots or tubs and wintered in a frost free room. Plant in full sun exposure in any good garden soil that drains well.

Agapanthus longispatus. Similar to well known A. orientalis, but smaller and earlier to flower. Profuse bloomer. For pot growing. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

A. orientalis. Dark Blue. Larger than longispatus. Superior clone, \$1.50.

A. orientalis. Sky Blue. 75c.

A. orientalis alba. Pure White. \$2.00.

A. von Weillighi hybrids. Selected clone. A giant type, very large, round umbel of blue flowers on a tall stem. Late flowering, extending the season. \$2.50.

Alstroemeria (pronounced-stre, not stro). The Peruvian Lily. Many showy flowers in an umbel on long, slender, stiff stems. The pastel tones are rich and varied, long lasting and popular as cut flowers, Spring blooming. Dormant in summer.

Culture. They must have good underdrainage and therefore if possible, sandy soil. In heavy soil, their cultivation is made possible by the plentiful addition of sand and leaf mould. 60% to 75% sun exposure. Natives of Semi-tropical America, they have been grown as far north as New Jersey in the garden. This has been possible by planting large tubers about 5" or 6" deep and giving a heavy mulch. There is some danger of freezing and consequent loss in the north the first two winters. By that time they have usually deepened themselves below the depth of frost penetration. We cannot guarantee against loss by freezing, but we offer large tubers that will help.

Alstroemeria chilensis hybrids, assorted colors, red, rose, pink, cream, white in a multitude of shades. Separate colors not available. Large tubers 50c.

A. pulchella. Smaller plant. Umbels of green and red fls. 40c.

A. assorted varieties. These will be smaller clumps. 40c. \$4/doz.

A. Seed. Assorted varieties. Plant as soon as received. Packet, 50c.

Amarcrinum Howardi. Bigeneric hybrid of Brunsvigia rosea and Crinum moorei. Beautiful, fragrant, pure pink fls. Fall bloomer. Culture like Crinums. Hardy to So. Indiana. Large bulbs, \$3.00.

Amaryllis Linn. This genus as constructed by Linnaeus was untenable because he included plants now known to belong to other genera. The invalid name Hippeastrum was used by both Herbert and Baker, but now we are scientifically correct when we use the name that has always been most popular.

Amaryllis are the easiest, the most showy and popular of all bulbs for growing in pots. Equally desirable for southern gardens where they are hardy along the east coast to N. Car. and on the west to Vancouver. In the middle section they may be grown as far north as Ark. and Okla., but note special directions for colder sections.

How to Grow Amaryllis. In the garden, in the deep south where temperatures go only a few degrees under freezing, Amaryllis bulbs need to be covered only about an inch or two. Farther north they may be planted deeper in protected places and mulched with straw, leaves and/or brush. In Okla., a customer reports a depth of 4" with mulch is safe. Try our "Hardy Hybrids." Amaryllis must not be planted close to trees, shrubs or large vigorous plants, whose roots compete and take the moisture. Irrigate frequently. Rain is seldom enough. The most common error is lack of sufficient moisture. They are endemic to the tropics and in many cases, where there is almost daily rain. The soil should contain much humus. Add well rotted manure and if not slightly acid, add some peat but do not acidify the soil with sulphur or aluminum sulphate. We do not advise planting imported, greenhouse grown bulbs in the outside garden. They seldom do well outside.

In Pots. A 2½" bulb requires a 6" pot. Give a 3" to 3½" bulb a 7" pot. Remove dead roots but every vestige of living root should be left on. Our best success in flowering Amaryllis and in growing them on to larger, better bulbs is in a soil mixture composed of clean, sharp sand one part by volume and a mixture of pure organic material two or three parts. The latter may be pure peat or about half peat and half well broken up or decayed leaf mould, woods earth or completely reduced compost. The final mixture should have enough sand to feel very gritty. Such a mixture drains quickly but retains enough moisture around the roots.

To this mixture we add a tablespoon of bone meal and a level teaspoon of blood meal for each 6" pot. This is enough fertilizer until after bulbs have flowered.

One curved piece of pot over pot hole is sufficient for good drainage. Cover this with a layer of wet sphagnum. Set bulb in soil and mulch top surface with a layer of

wet sphagnum. The neck and about $\frac{1}{2}$ of bulb should be above soil surface. This surface should be $\frac{1}{2}$ " below pot rim. In potting carefully spread out all living roots as they are a great advantage to bulbs. Such bulbs will start more quickly and may be given a warm temperature at once. If there are a few or no living roots on bulbs, set them first in a cool place, about 50°, for roots to form and growth start.

We water at once and again when growth has started. With mixture above advised, one is not likely to over water tho you should be a little careful at first, if the bulb had no living roots. For as long as they will grow, potted Amaryllis need frequent watering. They are not only heavy drinkers but gross feeders. If you give liquid manure or Spoonit every 3 weeks, it will be about right. It is also good to vary the diet.

Amaryllis like the sun. If the foliage fades the sun may be too strong or you may not be watering enough. In mid summer in our greenhouses we usually have to apply a little shading to the glass, partly on account of temperatures which may go to over 100° even in our air conditioned houses. Whitewash shading can be washed off when cooler weather arrives. In the house, give them a sunny window. Keep the bulbs growing vigorously until fall, Oct. or Nov. When outer leaves begin to go down, buds have been formed for next season's flowers and bulbs may be dried off and stored in a cool place. Inspect frequently. For early flowers, dry off about Nov. 1, or earlier.

This describes the method we used this season and formerly. $3\frac{1}{4}$ " bulbs potted from Dec. to about Mar. increased in size. A few burst their 7" pots. Some became fully 5" in diam., others 4" to almost 5".

Amaryllis ambigua. Lily shaped, white flowers with pink markings, on tall straight stems. 5 to 7 flowers in an umbel. The exquisite spicy fragrance perfumes the entire garden. Plant 4" deep in garden in south, to Okla. \$2.50. Believed to be a natural hybrid of *A. elegans* and *A. vittata*.

A. bifida. Formerly known as *A. advena*. **Ox-blood Lily.** This is a fall bloomer. Hardy to So. Ind., Ill., Mo., Kans., etc. There are 5 to 8 dark red fls. in an umbel. Not suitable for pots. 50c ea. \$4.00/doz. 100 smaller, blooming sizes, \$12.50/100.

A. psittacina. The parrot colored Amaryllis as the name indicates. It comes from S. Brazil and blooms in winter here. The frost usually ruins many of the flowers. The green tinted flowers with carmine lines and edges are very attractive and unusual. The bulb is very large and long necked. This species is hard to get and we have few. Price \$8.00.

A. vittata. Vittate or striped flowers, red and white. Largely used in breeding modern Amaryllis hybrids. Our bulbs are about $1\frac{1}{4}$ " diam. or over. \$2.50.

Hybrid Amaryllis. The Howard and Smith strain is considered to be the best American strain. These are grown from seed produced by moving selected field grown bulbs to greenhouses. There they are hand pollinated with each other and with a large stock of Dutch varieties. The resulting seedlings are field grown to flowering sizes. In the field, weak varieties perish. The surviving bulbs are thus far easier to grow outside in the south than imported, greenhouse grown bulbs.

Assorted Colors. We usually find that the better flowers come among the unclassified colors. Price: $2\frac{1}{2}$ " to 3" diam., 90c ea. 3/\$2.50. 6/\$4.75. 12/\$9.50. Smaller bulbs, $1\frac{1}{2}$ "- $2\frac{1}{2}$ " diam. 75c ea., 3/\$2.00.

Hardy Hybrids. These are not hardy outdoors in the colder states but as far north as North Carolina, Washington, D.C., and Oklahoma these have proven winter hardy if covered by 4" of soil and given a good winter mulch of straw.

This is an extremely vigorous, rapid growing and multiplying strain and equally prolific with flowers. There are always a few flowers in the field in the fall. They might give winter flowers in pots. Most of them are similar in color, orange scarlet with white throat and green keel. An ideal strain for outside planting and landscape effects. Their bright vivid color "hits you in the eye." Altho not an exhibition type, many will like them in pots, where they are easier to grow than the more aristocratic hybrids, and their

bright cheerful colors will be most welcome. 2½" price 75c ea. \$7.00/doz. \$50.00/100, prepaid. 3", \$1.00, \$10.00/doz.; 3¼", \$1.25, \$12.50/doz.

Dutch Hybrids. The most perfect of all Amaryllis, in form, coloring and size of flowers are the Royal Dutch or Warmenhoven strain and the Ludwig strain. These we import from Holland. They represent the highest development of the Leopoldi hybrids, having more nearly flat flowers and shorter trumpets. The colors also have been developed into the most exquisite shades.

Important. Dutch Amaryllis usually arrive in late Nov. We pack them in a large bag of peat for insulation. We have never yet had one frozen. Since peat is needed in your potting soil we add a tablespoonful of bone meal and a level teaspoonful of blood meal. If you add an equal volume of well rotted leaf mould and the same of sharp sand you have enough potting soil for a 7" pot. This service to you is worth at least \$1.00.

We have a large greenhouse full of Dutch Amaryllis as we grow them for local sales and in order to deliver earlier in the fall when possible. But do not specify early delivery if avoidable.

Dutch Bulb Sizes. We order only top sizes, 28 cm. circumference, at least 3¼" diam. We guarantee safe arrival of true to name bulbs.

Ratings. Many of the following varieties have been tested at Valleevue Test Gardens, Cleveland, O. Known ratings are given. The highest rating is AA. Dutch growers have reduced prices and we therefore lower ours.

Royal Dutch or Warmenhoven strain:

Bordeaux. A. Bordeaux or deep wine red. \$5.25.

Lucifer. The darkest red, fine contour and large size. A gorgeous flower. \$6.50.

Moreno. AA. 8" fls. Unusual color, light wine red, tinted rose in throat. \$5.75.

Queen's Page. AA. Fls. over 8", delicate salmon color. Very wide round petals and a perfect contour. \$5.75.

Red Master. AA. This variety is in greater demand than any other. Very dark Bordeaux red of immense size, 10" diam. Order early. Last year we sold out before bulbs arrived. \$6.00.

Salmonetta. A. Bright salmon-pink, shaded orange in throat. 8" flowers. \$5.75.

Sweet Seventeen. B. 9" fls., salmon-rose pink. A favorite. \$6.25.

Violetta. Violet tinted rose. Unusual color, large fls. \$5.25.

Ludwig Amaryllis.

American Express. AA. 8½" fls., rich orient red. Easy to grow and flower. \$6.50.

Bouquet. A. 8½" fls., begonia pink shading to rose in throat. A very beautiful flower. \$9.00. Tom Manley said, "The best Amaryllis I have ever seen."

Doris Lillian. A. 7½" fls. of deep carmine rose. Perfect contour. A beauty. \$8.00.

Ludwig's Dazzler. 8½" fls. of pure dazzling white. Round and perfect in contour and form. \$7.50.

Marie Goretti. 8" white fls. with slightly fringed petals. A large stock permits a low price \$6.00.

Miss Margaret Truman. AA. 8" fls. of porcelain rose or rose pink of great beauty. \$8.00.

Pink Favorite. 9" fls. of camellia rose pink. Ludwigs seem to consider this and the following the best two pinks and most experts agree. \$8.50.

Pink Perfection. A. 8" fls., rose opal pink. Perfect in shape or contour. One of the world's most beautiful amaryllis. \$9.00.

Roselinde. 7" nicely rounded fls. of carmine rose pink, lighter in throat. This is a very good pink at a low price. \$5.50.

Snow Queen. B. 7½" pure snow white fls., with minutely waved edges which add to its very refined appearance. \$5.50.

White Giant. 8" pure white fls.; a magnificent Amaryllis. \$6.00.

Wyndham Hayward. AA. 9" fls. of dark orient red. Fine contour. One of the nearest perfect. Named in honor of Wyndham Hayward. \$8.00.

Special Offers of Dutch Amaryllis. Any three varieties of Dutch Amaryllis for 5% discount. On a \$75.00 order or over, 10% discount. All 20 varieties, the world's best 20, listing for \$135.00, for \$115.00. This is a spring special. We can fill Amaryllis orders until late March.

Special No. 2, Dutch Amaryllis. We have some smaller bulbs that we believe will flower next season. Some of these are named, others are seedlings of highest quality. These are sold unlabeled. Price \$3.50.

Amaryllis Seed will cost you less if you buy the bulbs and grow your own. Be sure to pollinate the flowers. When the 3-parted stigma opens the ripe powdery pollen may be applied. When pods split they may be gathered, dried for a few days and seed planted in soil similar to that used in potting bulbs. Plant ½" deep and finish off with a thin layer of wet sphagnum. Or they can be grown in pure sphagnum, well broken up by rubbing or pounding. When crowded, transplant. If kept growing continuously, they should flower in about 3 years. We have no seed for sale this year.

Brunsvigia rosea. Familiar in California and the south as Amaryllis belladonna, Naked Lady Lily, etc. It is hardy where minimum winter temperatures are 10° above zero. It will be safe to plant it on the east coast to N. Car. and to Washington, D. C.; thruout the south where winters are mild; on the Pacific Coast to Vancouver. A customer in So. Ind. reports them hardy and flowering. They seldom succeed in pots. We have had reports of good growth but no flowers in Fla., Miss., and La. This So. African does well where there is no heavy rainfall from May 1 to Aug. 1 as here or in its habitat. The flowers are an exquisite pink with a fine fragrance. Aug. and Sept. visitors to So. Calif. take back home the memory of these and want them.

B. rosea major hybrids, (from Covina) fine colors. 35c and 50c. Mixed sizes, \$12.50 per 100, f.o.b. express.

B. rosea minor, hybrids. This is a fine assortment, ranging from rose to very dark rose, always with a light throat. 40c and 50c ea. or \$4.00 and \$5.00/doz., postpaid. Assorted sizes, \$12.50/100, express, f.o.b.

B. multiflora Parkeri. These are darker rose, some being very dark. The most beautiful of all. 50c and 75c ea., \$5.00 and \$7.50 per doz. Postpaid. \$20.00/100, express, f.o.b.

B. multiflora, var. Hathor. Pure white, beautiful and striking. \$2.00 ea.

Order very early. First year flowers are possible if planted Aug. or early Sept.—but not guaranteed. Our field growing area is reduced and this may be your last chance to get many of these from us.

Clivias have evergreen, strap-like foliage somewhat resembling that of Amaryllis. The orange flowers are produced in umbels of 10 to 25 in March and April.

Culture. They are usually grown in pots, even in the south, as more perfect foliage is thus possible, and when in flower one wants them in the house. We grow them in a lath house, lath spaced ½" apart, and in garden under Avocado (evergreen) trees, directly in the soil as they are often grown in Calif. When grown thus they will make very large clumps. They must have shade with only a few flecks of sunshine, but plenty of light and air.

Clivias must never be dried off or allowed to lose their foliage. Keep them well watered after flowering, all summer and fall. Liquid fertilizer occasionally helps. When growth ceases in late fall rest them by giving them less water. But keep moist enough to

prevent wilting of foliage. At this time they should have a cool room with temperatures from above 32° to not much over 50°. Pots should be 6" to 8" for small plants and up to 12" for larger. As they grow and increase, do not divide but shift to larger pots. Drainage must be perfect. Potting soil as described under "General Culture Directions." pH 7 is about right. One cannot guarantee a *Clivia* to flower the first year after moving tho they usually do.

The foliage of our *Clivias*, grown outside in the ground will not be as perfect as that of pot grown plants. But when potted, they replace the old foliage in a few months and become specimen plants.

***Clivia miniata*.** Wide open soft yellow orange fls. \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$2.75. Only the \$2.75 is likely to flower.

***C. cyrtanthiflora*.** The flowers are tubular and long, yet they are so numerous that they fill a large umbel and make a beautiful floral display. They are distinctly different from other *Clivias* also in their time of flowering. There is not a month in the year when we do not sometimes have flowers. Price, \$15.00.

***C. European Hybrids*.** We formerly listed these as **Nobilis hybrids**. Evidently the species *Nobilis* is not an ancestor and we acknowledge our error. The large flowers have well rounded petals of red-orange and the wide leaves are ornamental. This is the most desirable of all *Clivias*. Selected fine large plants, blooming size, \$6.50.

Crinums are listed only in Spring Catalogs but *C. Cecil Houdyshel*, everblooming, pink, is hardy as far north as Kansas City, if planted 8" deep and well mulched over winter. It is therefore listed here, but plant as early as you can. Plant 4" deep in south.

***C. Cecil Houdyshel*.** Flowers deep rose pink. One of the best hybrids, all qualities considered. This hybrid has been known to give 12 or more flower scapes in one year. A large clump will give continuous bloom from spring to fall. Blooming size, \$1.50. Large, \$2.00. Jumbo bulbs, \$3.00 and \$4.00 each. The jumbos are very large and require a lot of postage. They increase very rapidly and a jumbo size soon makes a large clump.

***Pink Daffodil Siam*.** This is said to be the favorite and the best of the pinks. Of course only the cup shows the pink shades. The pink types usually have white or cream petals. Price 75c each. Only 25 are available. Order early. Plant 4" deep in part shade, in Oct.—Nov. and water a little.

***Eucharis amazonica* (or *Grandiflora*).** *Eucharist Lily*. Star of Bethlehem. First collected on banks of Rio Magdalena, Colombia, S. A. Thus are combined three Biblical names in the lore of this flower. There are 4 pure white, very fragrant flowers in an umbel with a cup in center. The beautiful evergreen foliage makes this always a decorative plant. Flowers are used in corsages and bouquets.

Culture. For pots only. We grow in 5" pots and shift to larger when too full, but crowding encourages bloom. We use exactly the same soil as for *Amaryllis*, including a tablespoonful of bone meal to a pot. Because they need abundance of water when growing vigorously and blooming, the drainage must be perfect. They are shade plants but need strong light and some sun, when growing well, to develop flowers. Keep them well fertilized with liquid fertilizer. We use Spoonit. Formerly we sold dry bulbs. When we would receive them they were sometimes very dry. Before all were sold we could find many had become worthless. As growing plants, in foliage, they may be transplanted and go right on growing, this is the better way. Dry bulbs start very slowly and this method will save you much time. When received, pot at once and give full shade for a week, then gradually give a little more light and finally more sun. Keep them growing vigorously for several months until offsets appear and pot is well filled. Then dry them off, giving only enough water to prevent loss of foliage. After a few weeks rest, water once or twice. If they do not flower the rest was not long enough or the growth before was not sufficient. Or you may not have given them enough sun. Experienced

growers get as many as four crops of flowers in a year. *Eucharis* are tropical plants and 65° is the best minimum night temperature. Our bulbs were over 2" diam. when potted. Growth of foliage reduces this a little. Price, out of pot, postpaid, \$3.00 or f.o.b. in pots by express, \$2.50. Delivery by mail only in warm weather and not in mid-winter even by express.

Haemanthus. The Blood Lilies of South Africa. So rare that few have seen them.

Culture. Hardy only in almost frost free climate like So. Calif. or Fla., if temperatures do not go below 24° at night. They do well in pots anywhere in soil as recommended for *Amaryllis*. Give half shade with top of bulb just below soil surface. Other species are listed in Spring Catalog.

Haemanthus coccineus. True Blood Lily, altho all *Haemanthus* are known as Blood Lilies. The umbel of scarlet or blood red flowers (some call them pink) comes in late Aug. to Sept. Unless you order promptly they will be thru flowering. The scape is part of the floral display as it is covered by red spots on a light background. Following flowers are red fruits containing large seeds. Save and plant the seed. Blooming sizes, \$2.00 and \$3.00. Extra large, often give two or more flower scapes, \$4.00.

H. Katherinae and **H. multiflorus** are the world's most beautiful bulbs. These will be listed in the Spring Cat. at \$5.00 and \$7.50 ea. Our supply is limited. If ordered now you will be sure to get one. Remit in full when you order. Delivery next spring.

H. Natalensis. This species flowers outdoors here, close to Jan. 1, if weather is reasonably warm. In pots it flowers a little earlier. The flower is similar in color and shape to that of *H. coccineus*,—not globular like *H. multiflorus* or *H. Katherinae*. We will try to select bulbs sure to flower this year but we have not observed the size necessary very closely. I am sure that all will flower at least the second year. Price \$7.50.

Growing Haemanthus seed. When in flower they can be pollinated by rubbing palm of the hand over the umbel. Do this daily until all flowers have opened. If properly done many seed result. We plant seed in 8" or 10" clay pans, half filled with wet peat or sphagnum. Any organic compost will do and sand can be added to improve drainage. Remove pulp from seed and press down slightly into surface of wet compost but do not cover seed. Place a pane of glass over the top and thus little watering is necessary. Keep shaded and warm. If radicles do not penetrate the soil, help them.

Hemerocallis. Daylily. The flowers range in color from dark bronzy red, thru pastel tones of pink to orange and yellow. They are borne on a branching scape well above the foliage.

The Greek name, meaning "beautiful for a day," refers to an individual flower. But these are so freely produced thru a long period that "beautiful every day" would be more apt, as a collection of several sorts shows masses of flowers thruout the spring, summer and fall and here we often have some winter flowers. The modern sobriquet of "The Perennial Supreme" is well deserved.

Culture. While their beauty is their greatest recommendation, their easy culture and hardiness add to their desirability. I have known abandoned plants here, where we have arid, hot summers, to persist for years. They grow well in full sun. Slight shade is better. If given constant moisture about their roots, preserving this and coolness of the earth with a good mulch, the plants are ideally situated and respond with generosity. They are hardy, even in severe winters in the north. They are fibrous rooted, not bulbs, and must be planted at once when received. Altho they can be moved any time, it is better to ship from late fall to early spring.

Hemerocallis Araby. 30". E. (evergreen). A lovely, pastel color, with the effect of bronze on gold dust. Blooms early. 75c.

H. Calypso. Large, fragrant lemon yellow flowers. Opens in evening. 42". June-August. 30c ea.

H. Cecil Houdyshel. E. A Dr. Traub origination. A deep crimson with an old

copper shade that makes it outstanding in our garden. Slight shade gives better color to flowers. 3 ft. June-July. \$1.00.

H. Chengtu. E. Brilliant coppery orange-red with carmine mid-zone. 36". July-Sept. 50c.

H. Cinnabar. E. Cinnamon, sprinkled with orange, gold-glistening. 30". July-Aug. 50c.

H. Crown Prince. E. Color like Mikado. 30". June-Aug. 25c ea. Per doz. \$2.25.

H. Dauntless. E. Cadmium yellow. Fulvous red blended in mid-zones. Pastel effect. 30". June-Aug. 75c.

H. E. A. Bowles. 48". Large ruffled flowers of deep red-orange blended with gold. Early. 50c.

H. Evangeline. 40". Large, rosy flowers with purple eye zone. Early. 75c.

H. Florham. E. Still popular old hybrid. Large, golden yellow. May-July. 50c.

H. Florida. Pastel shades. Light chrome yellow with rose blush. Darker mid-zone. July-Aug. \$1.50.

H. Iris Perry. E. 36". July-Sept. Orange-bronze. 50c.

H. Kwanso. The Double Orange Daylily. 25c ea. 3 for 50c.

H. Linda. E. Petals, ruffled golden yellow, flecked with cinnamon, and a rose zone. Sepals, pure yellow. Very lovely. June-July. 50c.

H. Mandarin. E. 48". Lemon yellow. June-July. 50c.

H. Margaret Perry. E. Brilliant orange-scarlet. 4 ft. July-August. 35c.

H. Mikado. E. Orange with mahogany-red zone. A favorite. 3 ft. May-July. 35c

H. Modesty. 36". Large, pale, creamy yellow. Our nearest white. 50c.

H. Nubiana. E. Dark chocolate-red with yellow stripe in petals. One of the darkest varieties. 2 ft. 50c.

H. Patricia. 30". Pale yellow, large fragrant flowers. July-Aug. 50c.

H. Radiant. 42". Rich orange. June-July. 50c.

H. Rosalind. Famous pink Daylily. Pastel pink. \$1.50.

H. Rajah. 40". Deep English red, veined darker. Garnet red eye-zone. July-Aug. 50c.

H. Rosita. E. 36". Near Carmine, tinted copper. Part shade best. \$1.00.

H. Royal. E. 40". Beautiful golden yellow. Fine texture. July. 75c.

H. Royal Ruby. All agree it is the finest red, to date. 40". July-Aug. \$2.50.

H. Serenade. 48". Rose on apricot cream. Faint dark overcast. June-July. 75c.

H. Sibyl. E. Dark red-purple petals, lighter sepals. \$2.00.

H. Soudan. 36". Lemon yellow. Broad, wavy petals and sepals. June-July. 50c.

H. Vesta. 30". Deep orange with glistening gold sheen. May-July. 50c.

H. Vulcan. E. 30". Darkest maroon red. July-Aug. 50c.

H. Wau Bun. Large apricot, sprinkled fulvous-red. The twisted and curved petals add gracefulness to its beauty. 75c.

Complete Collection. The entire list of 32 varieties are priced singly for \$23.40. They will be labelled with permanent aluminum garden labels, an added value, for \$21.75. postpaid. If by express, f.o.b., we will send larger divisions.

Lycoris. Oriental Spider Lilies are natives of Japan and China. The entrancing beauty of their flowers makes them the most popular of garden bulbs in the south and very desirable pot bulbs in the colder sections. The most tender is *L. aurea*. It is hardy only in the deep south. All the others are hardy up to Va., Ky., Okla., etc. They prefer sandy fertile soil with peat or leaf mould added, plentiful watering from mid July.

Lycoris albiflora. Large white fls. with color markings. Almost hardy. \$1.00.

L. aurea. Golden Spider Lily. One of the most beautiful of all bulbs. Not hardy except in deep south. \$1.50.

L. incarnata. Flesh pink. Almost hardy. Free bloomer. \$1.00.

L. radiata. Red Spider Lily. Hardest of these listed here. Hardy to So. Kan. Deep coral red. 25c.

Nerine. This genus includes some of the most beautiful of flowering bulbs. They bloom in succession from about Aug. to Jan. Hardy only where temperatures seldom go lower than 26°, but they are fine pot bulbs. **Culture.** Pot or plant in acid, sandy soil. Add peat or leaf mould. Pot at once with bulb covered and a little deeper in garden, in full sun. When foliage yellows, withhold water. Keep as near dry as possible when dormant. There is only one reason why you do not all buy Nerines. You do not know their beauty and ease of culture.

Nerine Bowdenii. 10 or more fine pink flowers in an umbel 9" wide on a 15" scape. One of the finest Nerines and very easy. 50c and 75c ea.

N. Bowdenii, var. Pink Beauty. Has larger, finer flowers and flowers much later, usually in late Dec. or early Jan. Multiplies rapidly yet we can seldom have enough stock to list. \$4.00 ea.

N. Bowdenii, var. Magnifice, very fine improved Bowdenii, similar to Pink Beauty but flowers earlier. Extra special price, \$1.00 ea.

N. fothergilli hybrids. Variable shades of red and pink. Some are Bowdenii crosses and similar in color. \$2.00.

N. rosea-crispa. Hybrid of Filifolia but larger in all parts. Can be kept evergreen or dried off in summer. 50c.

N. undulata. We have received this from van Tubergen under three names. It is a lovely pink var., many small fls. in a large umbel that is fine for cutting. 50c, \$4.50/doz.

Sprekelia formosissima superba. Orchid amaryllis. Deep crimson flowers in orchid-like form. Much larger than common type, better color, more flowers. Evergreen. Fine in pots. Culture like Amaryllis. 75c.

S. formosissima, type variety. Similar color but slightly variable. 75c ea.

Tulbaghia violaceae. Mauve flowers produced thruout the year, a true ever-bloomer. Foliage has garlic odor if bruised. An acquisition for pot culture. 25c ea. \$2.00 per doz.

T. fragrans. This species has a large, true bulb, with glaucous green foliage, 18" long and 1" wide. It has no allium odor. The plant is a profuse winter bloomer in a cool room with a few flowers in summer. It has larger fragrant flowers than violaceae, in the same color. Evergreen. Special price \$1.00.

Zephyranthes. Fairy lilies. The smallest Amaryllid, 6"-12" tall. Fine in beds or borders. Hardy in middle south. In north, dig and store. They may be grown in pots. Give acid soil, sandy loam with leaf mould or peat. Full sun or slight shade.

Zephyranthes Ajax. Hybrid. Described as light yellow but seldom do you see one that is more than pale cream. Years ago we grew a great number of seedlings and selected the deepest yellow we have seen. It is really medium yellow and its seedlings are similar. \$1.00 each.

Zephyranthes candida. Pure white, evergreen. The masses of white flowers in late summer make them outstanding in a bed or edging for border. Half hardy and easy in pots. 2 for 25c. \$1.00 per doz. Per 100, \$5.00.

Z. rosea. Small, but very lovely deep pink flowers. They do not do well in alkaline soils, add much peat. Fine in pots, about 8 or 10 in a 5" pot. 15c ea. 10 for \$1.25.

The Alliums were formerly classed under Liliaceae but modern botanists place them in the Amaryllidaceae. Here is a nice one for winter flowering in pots. Try four in a 5"

pot. Use very sandy soil with some crushed shell from your dealer in poultry feed. Give full sun.

Allium neapolitanum grandiflorum. Pure white flowers in winter. Hardy in deep south. Small bulbs 20c.

IRIS FAMILY—Iridaceae

The Iris is the type genus of this family. Bearded Iris and Gladiolus are the outstanding members. Maricas are lovely and curious house plants, truly "out of the ordinary."

Tall Bearded Iris. No garden is complete without Bearded Iris. Our small "Iris 400, Price List" includes only aristocrats. It includes complete culture information, and tells you how to get a profusion of flowers **every** year, not every other year. Price 10c. **Special Offer.** Many labels have become lost and we will not undertake to fill orders for labelled plants, either names or colors. Land values and taxes are so high in this Los Angeles area that we are changing from field culture crops to greenhouse crops and the Iris must go. **Price** 100 rhizomes, 30 or more varieties, \$8.00, f.o.b. express. 15 var., 50 plants, \$5.00, f.o.b. express. Plant early and get flowers next spring. Iris species follow.

I. unguicularis. Hardy only as far north as Washington, D. C. Bluish lilac fls. in winter. Needs partial shade. Water frequently when first planted. 50c.

I. Douglasiana, var. Watsoniana. Blue. Calif. native. Hardy in north. 75c.

I. Spuria aurea. Tall yellow. Hardy. 50c. **I. Spuria ochroleuca,** similar, fls. white with yellow falls. 50c. Mixed Spurias, blues, tans, etc. 50c each. Late fall delivery.

GLADIOLUS

How to Grow Gladiolus. Glads planted Jan. 1 to Mar. 1 in Southern California and thruout the south (a little later in Northern California and early as possible in spring in the east) are reasonably sure to escape the attack of thrips.

Thrips are very small insects that suck the juices from the plant. They cause the flowers to wither or appear burned, and appear only after weather becomes warm. To avoid the damage thrips do, four measures are effective. Plant early. Plant clean, treated bulbs. Keep them reasonably moist and well cultivated, with no weeds. Dust with Chlordane. A hand duster and Chlordane can be bought from most local feed or seed stores. Chlordane tho toxic is safe to use but do not use on vegetables. Be careful not to breathe much of the dust. It also kills ants, cut worms, wire worms, etc.

Dust Gladiolus 3 or 4 times before flowering. Begin when plants are 6" or 8" tall.

If you cannot get it locally we can supply 1 lb. package for \$1.00, postpaid. If in an express shipment price 60c. This Chlordane Kil Dust 5 kills nearly all pests.

Many will prefer to spray instead of dusting. For spray use "Thripocide" which we list under "Garden Supplies," 4 oz. for \$1.20 postpaid.

Plant large bulbs (really "corms") 4" to 5" deep. Half inch bulbs, 3". Bulblets 2". Twice their diameter apart. Rows 20" apart, in full sun exposure. Best soil is sandy loam but they do very well in heavy soils, especially if leaf mould and compost is added. Alkaline soils do not produce good Gladiolus. Correct them by addition of peat or leaf mould. Use only well decayed manure, if any. Spoonit is an excellent mildly acid fertilizer.

Sizes. Size No. 1, 1½" up. No. 2, 1¼" to 1½". No. 3, 1" to 1¼". No. 4, ¾" to 1". No. 5, ½" to ¾". No. 6, all under ½". In the following list L. means large, No. 1 or 2; M. means medium, No. 3 or 4; S. or small are No. 5 or 6. Smallest sizes bloom and often bulblets. Nos. 2 and 3 are preferred for growing commercial cut flowers.

Prices are for one bulb. Multiply by 10 for price of one doz. 6 at doz. rate. 100 cost 70 times the cost of one or 7 times the cost of one dozen.

Our bulbs are grown in rich soil, on the heavy side. They are not always as nice looking as bulbs grown in the thinner sandy soil. They often perform better and we

guarantee them to grow well. They are priced lower than usual prices. We believe we have enough of all but it's wise to name substitutes.

Bridesmaid. Color, peaches and cream. L. 8c.

Buckeye Bronze. Bronze-red. Fine for cutting. L. 7c. 12/75c.

Burma. Deeply ruffled, dark rose red. Opens 7 fls. at one time. Jumbo bulbs, 12c. L. 8c.

Capeheart. Early salmon rose. A favored florists pink. No. 1 and jumbo, 10c. L. 6c. M. 4c.

Debonaire. Tall, early pink. Jumbo. 8c. L. 5c. M. 4c.

Elizabeth the Queen. Deeply ruffled, large fls., considered the most beautiful gladiolus. 10c.

Ethel Cave Cole. Favorite, best florists pink. Very large fls., many open. Jumbo 10c. No. 1, 8c. L. 6c. M. 5c. Bulblets \$1.00/100. For Decoration Day flowers, plant jumbos.

H. B. Pitts. Very fine large orange pink. Fine for cutting. L. 7c.

June Bells. Earliest white. Tall, with large very beautiful ruffled fls. L. 10c.

Los Angeles. Sm. grenadine pink fls. Long ago a favorite of cut flower market, now valued for landscape use as one bulb has produced as many as 100 flowers. No. 1, 7c. L. 6c.

Mauve. Our recent introduction of this unusual color. L. 8c.

Mother Fischer. New ruffled white that became instantly famous. It is perhaps the most beautiful white. Seven fls. open at one time. L. 35c ea.

Pinocchio. Most unusual color, blending to pink, yellow, green, orange and red, intensely colored and fluted. 4" fls. 7 open at a time on tall stem. L. 10c.

Red Charm. Pure med. dark red. Opens 8 to 9 at one time, Jumbo, 10c. L. 8c. M. 6c. Bulblets, \$1.00/100. (Not less than 100 sold.)

Snow Princess. Early, pure white. As good as the best. L. 7c. M. 5c.

Spic and Span. Tall, ruffled deep pink. Up to 10 open. L. 8c.

Timor. Beautiful and unusual shade of red. Jumbo, 12c. L. 10c.

White Gold. Largest and earliest cream white. A 1-spike bouquet. Jumbos, 10c. L. 8c. Bulblets, \$1.00/100.

Assorted varieties. No. 1 to Jumbo, \$1.00/doz. \$7.50/100, postpaid, or \$6.00 Express Collect. Nos. 2 and 3, fine bloomers, 50c/doz. \$3.50/100. On 100 we must send mostly No. 3 to customers beyond our 4th postal zone.

Miniature Gladiolus. Like a miniature carving, a cameo or fine lace, they are dainty, beautiful and alluring. Fine for cut flowers. All are good blooming size bulbs.

Crinklette. Ruffled orange pink. 15c. \$1.25/doz.

Fairy. Light lavender pastel. Dainty. 15c. \$1.50/doz.

Fairy Fancy. Cream and very nice. 15c. \$1.25/doz.

Kriss Kringle. True Christmas red. 15c. \$1.25/doz.

Ruby. Early, ruby red. 20c. 3 for 50c. \$1.75/doz.

Snow Baby. A very fine white. 15c. \$1.25/doz.

White Butterfly. By Kunderd. Early white. 20c. 3/50c. \$2.00/doz.

White Lace. Heavily ruffled, white with a creamy throat. One of the most dainty and beautiful. 20c.

Assorted Colors, miniatures, in endless variety. Special price, 10c. ea. \$1.00 doz. You can afford a lot of the mixed and a few of the named. This is a genuine bargain as these are all named varieties, accidentally mixed.

Gladiolus byzantinus, a species about the size of a baby gladiolus. Dark purple flowers. Hardy in north and does not need to be dug and stored over winter, anywhere. Winter grower here and in deep south. Small bulbs, 15c.

Montbretia crocosmiflora. A sub-genus of Tritonia resembling small gladiolus. Almost everblooming in warm weather. A good cut flower in orange tones. Hardy where ground does not freeze deeper than 1". In north, dig and store like Gladiolus. 25c each.

Neomarica (Marica), have long been favorite house plants in the north, but rather

rare. They are both curious and beautiful. The blue and white flowers on the tip of a leaflike scape in Jan. to April are followed by small plants. They become heavy and the scape arches until young plants touch the soil and take root. Hence their common names, Walking Iris and Apostle Plant. **Culture:** Shade plants but they need early and late sun to induce flowering. Soil formula, sharp sand, leaf mould and peat or sphagnum. Evergreen. Keep well watered, constantly wet. Tolerant to temperature but 50° to 70° is good. Not killed by 28°, outside.

Neomarica gracilis. Smallest and earliest. Use 5" pot. 75c.

N. Northiana. Larger plant and flowers, slow propagator. Use 6" pot. \$1.75.

Moraea polystachia. 2 ft. stems produce a multitude of iris-like flowers, violet with mauve and yellow in throat. A bed is a stunning sight. They increase rapidly by self-sown seed. Hardy in south and middle south to Tenn. In the north grow in a 5" pot, sandy soil with leaf mould, full sun. 15c and 25c ea. \$1.00 and \$2.00 doz.

Culture Suggestions. Moraea to Tritonias. These are all most desirable items for Southern Gardens. All are hardy to about 24° to 26°. All need full sun exposure, prefer sandy or light soil and should be planted about 2" apart in garden or pots and 2" or 3" deep. All are winter bloomers and as house plants must have cool rooms. Height of plants is stated in inches, thus 20".

Babiana Hybrids. 8". Blue shades, nice plicated foliage. 3 for 15c. 50c/doz.

Ixia Hybrids. 12". Fls. white when open. They close at night or on dark days, when they are equally pretty as outside is like a red striped candy kiss. L. 4 for 25c. Small bulbs that will flower outside but doubtful for pots. 35c/doz.

Sparaxis. Richly colored fls., on plants about the size of Freesias. Mostly red shades. No perfume. Easier to flower in pots than Freesias and hardier outside in south. Blooming size, 6 for 25c, 40/doz. Large, 3 for 15c, 50/doz.

Tritonia hyalina. 10". Flame Freesia. Deep pink or red, very attractive in pots or garden. 10c \$1.00/doz. Small, for outside. 50c/doz.

LILY FAMILY — Liliaceae

Many call all bulbs lilies, an error. Included in the Liliaceae are Hyacinths, Tulips, Muscari, Ornitholagum, Veltheimia, Scillas, etc. For Callas see Araceae.

Scilla peruviana is an ideal bulb for pots or garden. It is hardy to N. Car. and in Long Island. As a house plant it does well in cool but sunny rooms. Give full sun outdoors. Winter bloomer. The short foliage is nice and flower head is oval and on a short stem. Blue fls. Sometimes a White. Blooming size, 50c.

Ornitholagum arabicum. A round, glossy black ovary in the center of a pure white flower makes a striking contrast at Easter time. Hardy only in south, but in the north they are easy in pots and bloom for Easter if planted early and grown in a cool room in good sun exposure. Low priced, easy to grow and desirable, early white flowers are a winning combination. One to 5" or 6" pot. 25c.

Veltheimia viridifolia. This is one of the most beautiful plants one can grow in a pot. The glossy vivid green leaves are wavy margined and form a perfect rosette much like a bird's nest fern. From the center arises a scape with tubular drooping flowers closely spaced. The color is a deep rosy or purplish pink of an ineffable tone not found in any other flower. It begins to bloom, if planted early, in So. Calif. gardens or other equally mild climates or in pots in the north by Dec. 15 and continues for nearly 3 months as larger bulbs send up 2 to several spikes. Culture is very easy. Use a sandy loam soil to which is added fine screened peat or leaf mould about one-fourth. Some charcoal is good. Do best in part shade. Drainage must be good as they need frequent watering when in flower—but never soggy. Read potting directions again under "General Culture." Order before Oct. 1, if possible as after that date Veltheimia start to grow in storage. We can ship later but they are hard to pack after foliage starts. We have no extra large bulbs this year. Blooming size 75c and \$1.25 ea.

OXALIS FAMILY — Oxalidaceae

There are three types, Winter growing, Summer growing and Evergreen. The following are winter growing and blooming or evergreen. Oxalis are the brightest and most vivid of winter flowers for a sunny window or in outside beds in the deep south, where temperatures do not go much below about 26°. They give a profusion of bloom over several months time. They need a cool room.

Culture. Plant about 2" deep, 3" apart. Large bulbs may be farther apart and a little deeper. In pots, the smaller may go 6 in a 5" pot. They need full sun exposure and do best in a very sandy soil, rich or poor. Flowers close at night and on dark days. Tuberous rooted species start very slowly. Keep them moist and be patient.

Oxalis Bowiei. A large plant with bright rose red flowers. 3 bulbs to a 5" pot 5c ea. 50c/doz. \$3.75/100. Largest size 10c ea.

O. cernua. Bermuda Buttercup. Deep golden yellow flowers. Very profuse. 5c ea. 50c/doz. \$2.50/100. Extra jumbo bulbs 10c, 3 for 25c, 85c/doz.

O. cernua, flore pleno, Double Bermuda Buttercup. Smaller plant than the above. The flowers are very double. 25c.

O. crassipes. Flowers bright rose. Evergreen and everblooming. Increases by tubers and can be moved at any time. Plant at once. Large tubers 15c ea. \$1.00/doz.

O. crassipes alba. A pure white form. Very pretty. 25c ea. 6/\$1.00.

O. Grand Duchess. Low growing plants, but give a profusion of very large flowers in two colors. **Lavender and White,** 5c ea., 50c/doz., \$3.50/100. Largest size 10c each. Botanically, this is probably *O. variabilis*.

O. hirta. This rare and unusual oxalis makes a semi-erect leafy stem about 8" long. The violet flowers are borne in the axils of the leaves. 2/25c.

Oxalis Special. The bulbs offered in this lot are assorted in size and color. They will all flower well. Some are accidentally mixed, others are surplus. Price, 30 for \$1.00.

THE CALLA LILY FAMILY — Araceae

This family contains the so-called Calla Lilies or Zantedeschia, Black Callas and other Aroids.

Culture. All Zantedeschias, Arum palaestinum and other aroids listed here are desirable for pot culture. *A. palaestinum* will start about Sept. or later. Do not put this bulb into moist soil before that or it will rot. Zantedeschias—pink and yellow—may be potted by about Dec. 15. Don't rush them, as too much water before they start to grow may rot them. It is really better to start in early spring, here in late February. All do well in the garden in a moist semi-shaded cool place. They are not hardy in cold climates; dig in fall. The White Calla usually blooms in California in the garden in late winter. They may be planted in early fall in pots or garden. All do best in mildly acid soils, on sandy side. For acidity add peat. Most Aroids are shade plants.

It is an error to keep large White Callas growing continuously. If rested thru summer you will be rewarded with flowers. Callas as pot plants need some sun, enough to prevent spindly growth, plenty of light and like all plants, good ventilation. They need abundant water but good drainage.

Zantedeschia aethiopica. Well known **White Calla.** They can be potted anytime between Sept. 1 and Jan. 1. Even later if available. Water once when potted to settle soil. Then keep soil barely moist until growth is well started. When growing well they need plenty of water and perfect drainage, give about half shade. They are hardy outdoors down to 15° but tops may be cut down by frost at about 20°. Blooming size, 25c. Large 50c. Small offsets for foliage only, 15c.

Z. rehmanni elegans. Light pink Calla. Easier to grow and flower than the dark pink. A few are very light, almost white when forced but darker in the garden, and always beautiful. Large bulbs, 40c. 3 for \$1.15. Delivery Nov. on all Zantedeschias.

Z. elliotiana. Deep Golden Yellow Calla. Like all the callas, they need some sun.

If they do not have it they grow too tall and weak and may fail to flower. Half sun is usually right. Delivery Nov. 40c ea., 3 for \$1.00.

Arum palaestinum. Black Calla. Solomon's Lily. Foliage and flowers are shaped like Callas but flowers are black and odorless. Plant 4" deep in garden, not so deep in a pot. Begin to water about Sept. 1. Flowers in Feb. Large for 50c and \$1.00 ea.

Helicodiceros muscivorus, Twist arum. A curiosity. Blow flies like its "fragrance." The flower spathe is contracted in the middle and bends at a right angle and opens in an 8" or wider flower. Pale purple, covered by long white hairs, the tube spotted. Summer flowering. Hardy in deep south. We have very few tubers and must price all sizes at \$2.50.

Anthurium andraeanum. Until very recently these have been high in price. But now prices are reasonable. The cordate leaves make them useful as foliage plants alone but a mature plant will flower six times a year. Flowers are calla-like, but rather flat, in glossy red, pink, orange, coral, rose and rarely white. They are much used for cut flowers in arrangements and corsages. They are everblooming if given correct conditions at all times, but sometimes take a vacation when very hot, very cold or very dry.

Culture. Anthuriums and Spathiphyllums are tender tropical plants, suitable only for pot culture. **Soil formula.** They will grow in most any organic compost. We use and advise one part old osmundine (discarded from orchid pots, new will do); one part peat. Add enough Sponge Rok or coarse sand to make compost very gritty and to hasten quick drainage. See Potting Directions under General Culture. Add a thin layer of sphagnum on surface to prevent eroding the surface when watering. Set plant low in an oversized pot and as it grows, new roots are formed on compost surface which should be covered with more sphagnum. When compost surface reaches rim of pot, shift to larger pot, or build up with sphagnum. New roots must be kept covered.

Use Spoonit or liquid manure once a month, after plants are well established. The preferred minimum night temp. is 60° or over. 45° does little harm other than to stop growth and flowering. 70° to 80° is a good daytime temp. Air should be very humid. Spraying foliage daily increases air humidity. They should never become completely dry, thruout. Water about every two days.

Shipping. The best way is in pots, by express. But you pay the express and it costs us more to pack. Plants are set back a little by sending by mail, out of pot. But they recover and you save quite a lot on the total cost. Which compensates for the recovery period. If by mail you should add 35c for plants under 8" and 45c for larger sizes for "Special Delivery," also for Insurance fee if desired. They cannot be mailed in cold weather.

Anthurium andraeanum, Shaffer Hybrids are the best. Plants should begin to flower at 10" to 12" height. We have had 6" plants flower and very often 8"-10" flower. They grow and multiply so rapidly that we are forced to make sharp cuts in our former prices. They are really bargain prices. This season we are offering no small plants and because of increased express rates we advise that you order plants out of pot. On the larger plants from 18" to 30" tall the price is \$5.00 plus cost of postage. The weight of plants this size, packed will be around 3 lbs. as we have to use much packing when sent by mail. This is a guess. Ask your P.O. the cost of parcel post on a package of this weight from your office to Los Angeles, (near La Verne). Remit \$5.00 plus estimated cost of postage. If you send too much we will send larger plants. You should, of course, add insurance, special handling and in California add 4% Sales Tax. You must also promise to send more if cost of postage is more than your estimate.

The colors available are shades of orange or orange red. Do not specify the color, at this price.

If you want everblooming plants, these are the answer.

A. scherzerianum. This species is easy to grow as a house plant as it is less demanding about temperature, etc. Mature, old plants may become 15" to 18" tall, but they start

blooming at only 4" or 5" tall. Colors range from red, spotted red and white, to white. We have been unable to offer these for a few years but now we again have a good supply. Blooming size, assorted colors only \$3.75. Extra large plants for \$7.50.

THE GESNERIA FAMILY—Gesneriaceae

The Gesneriads listed here are tropical or semi-tropical. They are strictly house plants outside of the tropics. Most of them are for the warm house. All are either tuberous rooted and deciduous or fibrous rooted and evergreen.

The Gesneria Society, E. F. Smith, "Plantsmith," maker of Spoonit is sponsor, publishes literature on Gloxinias, African Violets, Achimenes and other Gesneriaceae. If interested in joining inquire from Mrs. John F. Darsow, 3749 Linders Dr., Palo Alto, Calif.

A coincidence. While writing this copy for our fall catalog, just at this point, Albert H. Buell, well-known Gloxinia grower and breeder of Eastford, Conn., called on us. He has promised us some seed of his famous strain and we list it below.

Gloxinias. We will have a few tubers available for fall planting, delivered before Dec. 1. See our Spring 1956 catalog for list. If you do not have this catalog, send 10c for a copy and 6c extra if you want delivery by first class mail. Do not order unless you will accept substitutes if necessary. Name preferred substitutes.

Gloxinia Culture. The soil may be one part by volume of sharp, coarse sand and 2 parts peat or peat and leaf mould. Add 1 tablespoon bone meal for a 6" pot. Mix thoroly. Set tuber a little under soil surface and mulch with $\frac{1}{2}$ " wet sphagnum. Last of all water until a little runs thru at bottom. These are tropical plants. The best starting temperature is at least 80°. They will start, but a little more slowly at 70°, and 60° or over at night. Keep the pots moist and they can be in full sun until foliage appears, then slightly shaded. The plants need good light and more sun than most Gesneriaceae. Leggy plants result from insufficient light. Fertilize with Spoonit or liquid manure about every 3 or 4 weeks. Sun must not touch wet foliage.

Gloxinia Seed, Houdyshels, saved from our named varieties, assorted. This contains the largest number of seed. **Buell hybrids,** carefully selected from best flowers. **Antonelli hybrids,** from their best new varieties, assorted. 10 or more seed. **Beacon.** Rich dark red flowers. This and the following named varieties come true to name. **Crimson Glow.** Name describes color. Free blooming. **Rose Sensation.** Brilliant carmine rose. **Swiss Emblem.** Brilliant scarlet red, white margin. Your choice of packets 50c ea. The 6 packets for \$2.75. The number of seed in each packet is in proportion to their unit value and from 10 to 50. Tho tiny every seed grows. Send stamped, addressed envelope for all seed packets. Also 4% sales tax for California.

Seed Culture. Place fine grained vermiculite or terralite in the bottom of a plastic refrigerator dish 3" to 4" deep and moisten well. Plant seed very thinly over surface. Keep covered with lid until plants are ready to pick out. One must make sure that moisture does not escape and add water if it does. They may be picked out and transplanted into 2" pots after second pair of leaves develop. We also plant seed in 9" pans, half filled with peat and milled sphagnum. When planted cover pot with glass. We grow many rare seeds by either method, including African Violets. Gloxinias flower at about 5 months.

Streptocarpus are fibrous rooted evergreen and can only be moved as growing plants. The culture is much the same as for Gloxinias except as to temperature. They thrive in a cool house and are easily grown in a lath house in summer. The color range is similar. The flowers are smaller and freely produced. They are followed by long twisted seed pods, hence their name. Blooming size, \$1.00. Double plants, \$1.50.

Streptocarpus seed. Assorted colors from fine strains. Handle as advised for Gloxinia seed. \$1.00/pkt. and self addressed stamped envelope.

S. Wiesmoor Hybds. These are claimed to be entirely new and superior to any others. Fls. are on wiry stems, useful for cut flowers. These are Dutch import and expensive. You therefore get fewer seed for \$1.00. (Stamped, addressed envelope.)

Episcias resemble African Violets in form and other ways, yet are entirely distinct. African violets flower profusely. *Episcias* are very showy foliage plants but have brilliant, usually red, flowers, not so freely produced. They are natives of the American tropics, not African. Their flowers are solitary or clustered, not in cymes as in African Violets. The resemblance is casual, not botanical. But their red flowers and general contour of the plants have resulted in promotion of *E. fulgida* (often sold as *E. coccinea*) as a Red Violet. They are very tender tropicals and should not be colder than 60°. At about 50° they are badly damaged or killed, hence cannot be shipped when likely to encounter temperatures under 50°. They make stolens or runners like a strawberry and new plants are made in a similar manner. We plant in baskets of sphagnum and hairpin the little plants on stolens to sides and bottom of basket. Or stolens may be allowed to hang as jewelled pendants. Flowers are usually bright scarlet and foliage usually villous, or hairy and velvetlike. They may also be grown in pots, same soil as African Violets. Either way they require constant moisture. When you receive the plants do not remove or tear apart the mass of sphagnum which contains their delicate roots. Plant the entire mass.

***Episcia cupreata*.** Type variety. Red flowers. Very dark bronze leaves with a slight silvery tone along midrib. \$1.00.

The following are cultivars or sports of *E. cupreata*. All have the same red flowers.

***E. Acajou*.** Dark bronze with wide silvery green midrib. \$1.00.

***E. Chocolate Soldier*.** Dark chocolate with narrow silver midrib. \$1.00.

***E. Emerald Queen*.** Dark green with silvery green midrib. \$1.00.

***E. Frosty*.** Prevailing color is the frosty green, spreading to leaf margins from the center and toward the margins are markings of dark green. \$1.00.

***E. Harlequin*.** Very shiny leaves, wide green zone along midrib with very dark greenish bronze between pinnae from the midrib. \$1.00.

***E. metallica* ("Kitty").** Leaves densely covered by short hairs, or villous. Very dark bronze with silvery pink center stripe in midrib. Reverse side, vinaceous purple. \$1.00.

***E. Silver Sheen*.** Silvery green leaves, narrowly bordered dark green. \$1.00.

***E. Sylvan Beauty*.** Green central zone with greenish bronze on outer portion. \$1.00.

***E. Splendens* (*Variegata*).** Silver green markings on emerald green background. This is the last of *cupreata* cultivars. \$1.00.

***E. cupreata*, var. *viridifolia*.** Nile green leaves. The best bloomer of all. \$1.00.

***E. fulgida* (*Coccinea*, *Red Flame Violet*).** Medium bronze with silvery green veins. Lovely red flowers—but not a "violet." \$1.00.

***E. lilacina*,** type variety (Fanny Haage). Large lilac flowers. Broad green center on greenish bronze background. \$1.00 each.

Special. We can now offer the rare ***Episcia dianthiflora***. This is a vigorous grower with small green leaves and white flowers with fringed petals in spring and summer. \$1.75. 13 var.; our selection for \$10.00.

Columnneas. Are epiphytic climbing vines, having large, vivid red flowers. They may be grown in pots, soil similar to that of other Gesneriads but we prefer to grow in wire baskets of pure sphagnum or with the center of sand and peat, equal parts.

***Columnnea gloriosa*.** The most profuse bloomer. ***C. Schiedeana*,** very large, thick stems. ***C. microphylla*.** ***C. Banksii*.** ***C. Allenii*.** Plants that should flower in their next season, \$2.00.

Reichsteineria is now the valid name for plants formerly known as *Gesneria* and later as *Corytholoma*, the species is still probably *cardinalis*. The large brilliant red flowers are attractive. Grow the seed as for *Gloxinia*. Seed packet 50c and stamped, addressed envelope.

***Aeschyanthus*.** (*Trichosporum*.) Tender woody tropical vines. In nature they are epiphytes and climb trees by attaching themselves by roots to the bark. The large red flowers come from Aug. to late fall. They must be shipped before cold weather.

In culture they may be planted in baskets lined with sphagnum and with peat and sand mixture in center but we prefer sphagnum thruout. Planted thus they are pendant

vines. They may be grown in pots but basket culture is much more satisfactory. Grow them in same conditions of temperature, humidity and shade as Gloxinias.

We bought our plants in Miami as *A. pulchra* but received a mixture of the two species listed.

A. pulchra. The large red flowers are in a green calyx. **A. lobbiana.** Flowers are in a purple calyx.

Rooted cuttings, species not identified, \$1.00. Labelled, either sort, \$2.00. Established in wire baskets, either sort \$3.85, express, f.o.b.

AFRICAN VIOLETS—Saintpaulias

Few would question the statement that African Violets are the most popular house plant at the present time. They fit perfectly into the modern smaller homes and rooms, where things are fixed or built in. Every convenience in a small space. They may be grown in an east, south, west or north window or even the basement if given artificial lighting and correct temperature. See under Garden Reference Books the new book, *Growing Plants Under Artificial Lights*.

They win favor because of their daintiness and beauty, their everblooming habit, their diversity in foliage, flower color and form. The introduction in 1955 of double pink varieties, for the first time have enhanced their popularity. There seems to be no limit to their possibilities in the hands of breeders, except that their color range can never include yellow or true spectrum red. The reds are always purple toned.

Culture. The question most often asked is, "How can I get constant bloom? My plants are healthy and grow luxuriantly. The foliage is deep rich green, beautiful plants but no flowers." The answer is, you do not give them enough light. Note the discussion under **Sun exposure**.

The advised **range of temperatures** for winter is 60° at night and 70° daytime. They might do a little better at 10° higher but that is uncomfortable for people in winter clothing and summer brings about 10° increase, in our living rooms.

The plants do not like sudden changes nor great changes. A nearly even temperature, within a limit of 12° between high and low is better. They are bound to have a greater range sometimes and if not more than about 15°, they are unlikely to lose their flowers. Loss of flowers is the first evidence of something wrong. This may result from sudden changes, drafts, too high a temperature in summer and in winter it may result if temperature goes much under 60° for more than an hour or two. Or it may result from too low relative humidity. This should be 40 to 60%.

African Violets grown at a congenial temperature are usually killed if subjected to lower than 40°. Therefore it is impossible for us to send you plants by mail in winter, to a cold climate. In favorable weather we can usually send to warmer sections of the south. Nor do we ship on very hot days in summer.

Watering. Do not use cold water. The water should be near the room temperature and never over 10° lower or higher. Most of our watering is done by spraying with a hose. The plants need to have the foliage sprayed and it does not spot the foliage if no sun falls on the foliage before they dry off. The interval between waterings should be long enough to permit the top soil to become slightly dry. Do not use pots that have no hole at bottom for drainage. Use sub-irrigation infrequently. We prefer regular pot watering.

Good ventilation is needed by all plants but Saintpaulias do not like drafts. Slow movement of air currents are more conducive to their comfort.

Soil formulae. Plants have a considerable tolerance and do well in a wide variety of soils. Soil should be at least mildly acid in reaction and a type that will drain easily and quickly. Heavy clay soils, therefore, are not good. We use about one half compost, one half peat with enough Sponge Rok to give good drainage.

If you are unable to supply your own soil mixture, the best we know about is Black Magic African Violet mix. Listed under "Supplies" in this catalog.

Fertilizers. We use only Spoonit and recommend it to be applied once a month, on a day following watering. See our listing under Garden Supplies.

Sun exposure. Most of the advice one receives over-emphasizes shade. Lack of sufficient light intensity is one of the most frequent causes of non-blooming. All shade plants need a certain amount of modified sunlight to make them flower. In the winter, the sun is at a low declination. Its rays must pass thru several times the thickness of atmosphere penetrated at noon in the summer when the sun is directly above or at "high declination." Very little shading is needed on the greenhouse in winter. Treated thus, our plants bloom profusely all winter. Very likely plants in a south window, anywhere in the north temperate zone, in winter, will be sufficiently shaded on the brightest days by a thin muslin curtain. It may not even be needed at all and on days of less than maximum intensity remove the shade.

But summer sun is much stronger. One must give more shade. It should not, however, be too heavy. The color of the foliage will tell you what they can endure. When healthy plants have light, yellowish foliage they probably receive too much sun. For checking, select a plant having green foliage, under normal conditions, not a dark foliage plant like Holly or Pink Delight nor one like Frosty having ivory or white areas.

If your Saintpaulias do not flower altho they grow well and appear to be healthy, you need to check on all points we have mentioned. Light intensity and duration are important. In the far north we have customers near the Arctic Circle where there is full daylight only in summer. Here the only possibility of winter flowers is the use of artificial light. They express interest in fluorescent lighting. Mrs. Rector, in How To Grow African Violets (which you should have,—see our book list,) says that an 80 watt fixture, 18" above the soil, has been found to give good growth and free flowering. Any kind of light will do provided the plants receive 15 to 30 foot candles (as measured by a photographic light meter) for 12 hours duration, daily. This should be tried in the Northern states where winter days are short and dull. For the most complete information on this, send us \$3.50 for Peggy Schulz' book, "Growing Plants Under Artificial Light."

Humidity. The humidity of our homes is likely to be not much over 25%. One can increase the humidity around the plant sufficiently by setting the plants in saucers. These may be partly filled with small gravel. Set pots on top of gravel and pour in water until it does not quite touch pots. Vases of water set in among plants will help. A saturated sponge in a shallow dish will help humidify air. If you have a greenhouse, keep the walks wet.

Pests. Be sure to keep your plants free of insect pests. One of the most common on house plants is the **mealy bug**. Examine plants frequently for pests. Mealy bugs look like tiny specks of cotton. Wonder Garden Spray, used as a spray, is effective. Antrol African Violet Insect Bomb is also good if used as directed. Badly infested plants should be discarded or at least removed from the vicinity of all other house plants. All effective insecticides are poisonous. You must not breathe the fumes. You must avoid skin contact. See our listing.

Cyclamen mites are most destructive. The center of an infected plant takes on an abnormal appearance and changes to a different color, usually grey. It becomes rough in appearance and young foliage is misshaped. Mites spread to all the plants and effective measures must be at once applied. We have found the most effective remedy is to spray with Wonder Garden Spray, which is listed under "Supplies." Immediately remove infected plants into quarantine. Do not handle infected plants, then healthy plants.

Customers are invited to visit our nursery when in Los Angeles area. Drive east on Garvey, N. on Azusa, E. on Arrow Hwy. to Esther St., S. one block, or take La Verne Bus. Get off at Firey and walk west one block to Esther. Then south one block.

Orders from distant states, Hawaii, Alaska, Cuba, Europe, etc., should include enough

for delivery by Air Parcel Post. We have shipped as far as Denmark, nearly 6,000 miles, this way and plants arrived in perfect condition. They did not quit blooming. We charge the customer the excess of Air Parcel Post above the cost of Parcel Post to our 8th Postal Zone. Please state in your order that you will pay the difference promptly if your estimate is too low. But send your estimated amount with order.

Starting leaf cuttings. A good many growers start cuttings in water. We believe a better way is to start in terralite, (a fine grained form of vermiculite), kept moist and in good light but no sun. Long distance shipments should go by air, the same as for plants. If leaf is wilted, soak 2 hours in weak vit. B-1 solution.

Sales Tax. Californians must include 4% Sales Tax. Out of state customers sending plants as presents to California friends must also pay it. If this is not included with your order, delay results as we do not ship until sales tax is paid. Please read our "Terms and Instructions for Ordering," and comply on all points.

Please give substitutes as some varieties are in short stock. If substitute is left to us we will send as good or a better variety.

Arctic Nite. Beautiful vivid dark blue double. \$1.50.

Attraction. A rich mauve, \$1.25. Sm. \$1.00.

Ashes of Roses. Small round glossy bronze leaves. Soft rose fls. \$1.00.

Blue Albino Girl. Small, deeply notched, round variegated, girl leaves. Blue fls. Sm. \$1.00.

Blue Cushion Supreme. New. Enormous double deep blue flowers. Nice foliage. \$2.50.

Blue Lady. Clear light blue flowers. \$1.25.

Blue Peak. Double blue flowers edged white. Geneva type. Outstanding \$1.75. Sm. \$1.00.

Blue Triumph. Double medium blue flowers. \$1.25.

Blueva. Double dark blue flowers with a pronounced white edge. Sm. \$1.00.

Caricol. Blue-violet flowers. Girl leaves. \$1.00.

Carmen. Claret red flowers. \$1.00.

Clementine. Frilled white flowers, girl leaf. Sm. \$1.00.

Crusader. Double light red flower with dark green foliage. \$1.50. Sm. \$1.00.

Dolly Dimples. Miniature. Dark olive green girl leaves. Blue fls. \$1.00.

Double Garnet. Excellent red double. Profuse bloomer, dark green foliage. \$1.50. Sm. \$1.00.

Double Pink Victoria. New very lovely full double pink. Sm. \$1.00.

Double Violet. Large double violet flowers. Upper petals a little darker. \$1.50. Sm. \$1.00.

Finlandia. Midnight purple, fringed fls. Glossy dark bronzy foliage, ruffled. \$1.25.

Gardena. Double white. Sm. \$1.00.

Geneva Beauty. Purple flowers white edge. Sm. \$1.00.

Happiness. Ruffled light velvety purple flowers. Nice foliage. \$1.25.

Harmony. Ruffled large delicate mauve flowers. \$1.25.

Lavida. New. Violet bicolor double, thin white edge. \$2.50.

Los Angeles. Flowers very large, hortense violet. Double. \$1.25.

Navy Bouquet. Navy blue double. \$1.00.

Painted Girl. Snowy white, bordered by orchid. \$1.25.

Pansy. Light blue-lavender flowers shading into white border. Sm. \$1.00.

Pink Cheer. Deep pink flowers. \$1.25.

Pink Cloud. Lovely double pink. \$2.00. Sm. \$1.00.

Pink Cushion. Outstanding double pink, heavy bloomer, very double fls. One of the best. \$1.75. Sm. \$1.00.

- Pink Ideal.** Double light pink. Dark foliage. \$1.50. Sm. \$1.00.
- Pink Fringette.** Bright and lively pink, frilled. Dark foliage. \$1.00.
- Pink Joy.** Lovely pink. Sm. \$1.00.
- Pink Lace.** Medium pink with girl leaves. \$1.00.
- Pink Triumph.** Medium pink. Makes very nice plant. \$1.00.
- Pink Puff.** Lovely double pink, large flowers. Sm. \$1.00.
- Prima Donna.** Supreme foliage. Lavender double. \$1.25.
- Red Mahogany.** Very good flowering variety. \$1.50. Sm. \$1.00.
- Queen's Cushion.** Very full double. Deep purplish orchid shade. \$1.50. Sm. \$1.00.
- Rose Glow.** New. Glossy bronze foliage, deep rose single flower. \$2.00
- Rose Wing.** New. Single flowers. \$2.00.
- Ruffled Blue Heiress.** Dupont girl foliage. Deep blue ruffled fls. \$1.50.
- Ruffled Queen.** Still one of the most popular. Fringed red purple fls. Sm. \$1.00.
- Show Cloud.** Very large double white with some blue in fls. Amount of blue varies. \$1.50.
- Show Day.** Extra large white with blue overlay, darker in center. \$1.50. Sm. \$1.00.
- Show Queen.** Variegated foliage. Mutation out of Ruffled Queen. Fl. same. \$2.50. Sm. \$1.00.
- Silver Moon.** Good flowering white. \$1.50. Sm. \$1.00.
- Silver Moon Supreme.** Our new introduction this fall. Very large white flowers. \$2.00.
- Sky Trailer.** Light blue double. Sm. \$1.00.
- Snow Ball.** New very full white double. Sm. \$1.00.
- Snow Fairy.** Lovely double white with girl leaves. Sm. \$1.00.
- Snowy Princess.** New. Variegated foliage, giant red bi-color flower. Very popular. \$2.50. Sm. \$1.00.
- Spring Bouquet.** Lovely rose pink double. \$1.50. Sm. \$1.00.
- Spanish Lace.** New. Ruffled edge, blue flower, foliage very heavy like Ruffled Queen. Sm. \$1.00.
- Sugar Babe.** Lavendar and plum bicolor with white edge. \$1.25.
- Sunburst.** Variegated girl foliage. Red flowers. Small growing plant. \$1.25.
- True Heart.** New. Single pink, large, very deep rose eye. \$2.50.
- Texas Fringe.** Waved and fringed leaves. Fls. rich orchid and fringed. \$1.25.
- T-V Patio Dance.** Clusters of dark blue double and semi-double flowers; red backed forest green foliage. \$2.00.
- T-V Rose Frills.** Dark backing-green foliage, red-backed; ripples with maturity. Frilled single deep rose fls. Sm. \$1.00.
- T-V Stagline.** Dark blue blooms, mostly semi-double; very dark waxen foliage and rippled, to reveal dark red scallops. \$2.00.
- T-V Swirling Petticoats.** Single deep purple flowers with crimped white picotee edging. Lovely foliage of gleaming waxen forest-green with lighter midriff, rippling up glowing scallops of under red. \$2.00.
- Wedding Veil.** Single white, girl leaves. Sm. \$1.00.
- White Cushion.** Very double white. Sm. \$1.00.
- White Elf.** Miniature, plain foliage. \$1.25. We have a number of miniatures at \$1.25 but too few to list. If you have any, let us know what you have we will send our selection for \$1.25. All named.
- White Pride.** A very beautiful double white with many flowers. One of best. \$1.75. Sm. \$1.00.
- White Pride Supreme.** New. Outstanding double white, enormous flowers. Makes a wonderful show plant. \$2.50.

Wild Rosa. Full double dark pink flowers. Small dark green foliage. Sm. \$1.00.

Beginners collection. Our selection. \$1.00. 2 for \$1.75. 3 for \$2.50. 4 for \$3.25. and 5 for \$4.00.

Leaves 50c each, \$5.00 doz. In this list of leaves are many new varieties, among them are 17 double pinks. Please list a few substitutes or we will send as near like order if out.

Amazia	King's Delight	Ruffled Lace
Angel's Blush	Lavida, dbl.	Ruffled Queen
Annabelle	Love's Embrace, white	Shine Boy
Appealing	Mamselle, dbl pink	Show Cloud, dbl
Atomic Pink	Melior Pink, dbl	Show Day
Bernice, dbl lt. blue	Miss Monroe, dbl	Show Queen, var. lvs
Blue Cushion Supreme	Multiflora Blue	Show Star
Bud's Pink Cupid, dbl.	Multiflora Lavender	Show Stopper
Bud's Pink-O-Wink, dbl.	Multiflora Mauve	Snow Ball, dbl white
Bud's Pink Waltz, dbl.	Multiflora Pink	Snowy Princess, var. lvs.
Celery	Multiflora Sky-Blue	Snow White
Cup of Claret	Multiflora White	Spanish Lace
Daisy Mae	Nonnie	Swank
Double Fantasy	Northern Pride, dbl blue	T-V Cut Velvet
Double Hoosier, pink	Peaches and Cream	T-V Jealousy
Double Midnight	Philadelphia Belle, dbl	T-V Mambo
Dbl. Pink Enchantress	Picadilly, dbl pink	T-V Patio Dance
Double Polar Ice	Pink Angel	T-V Pert
Double Sea Shell	Pink Caress	T-V Rose Frills
Double Violet	Pink Celebrity, dbl	T-V Rosefroth
Elizabeth the Queen	Pink Cloud, dbl	T-V Summer Cloud
Evelyn Johnson, dbl. pink	Pink Coral Queen	T-V Stag Line
Evening Shade	Pink Cushion, dbl	T-V Swirling Petticoats
Falstaff	Pink Melody	True Heart, pink
Fantasy Double Ann	Pink Parfait	Wedding Veil, white
Fantasy Edge	Pink Puff, dbl	White Pride
Flamingo, dbl pink	Pink Topsy, dbl	White Caps
Gardena, dbl white	Pot o'Gold	White Velvet
Georgia Peach, pink	Prima Donna, dbl	Winter Green
Giant Purple Monarch	Queen's Royal, dbl blue	Wintry Nite
Holiday, dbl pink	Rose Onna Green Pearl	Zephyr Pink
Irresistible, dbl pink	Ruffled Geneva	

Leaves of miniatures and semi-miniatures. 50c each, \$5.00 dozen.

Alma Wright, semi.	Easter Bunny	Pixie, semi
Baby Fingers	First Love	Princess Pat
Bashful	Florencia	Star Tips
Beauty Girl	Gay Senorita	Temple Orchid Rose
Blue Butterfly	Gremlin	Temple Satin
Bubbles	Grumpy	Thumbelina
Cascade, semi	Heidi	Ting A'Ling
Chartreuse, semi	Jessie Cut Up	Tinker Bell, semi
Cutie Pie	Minneapolis	T-V Bunnyhop
Dolly Dimples	Moonlite, semi	White Elf
Du Bonnet	Mu Lau	Violette Elf
Dusty Queen	Pink Queen, semi	Zoella, semi

African Violet Leaves, 35c each. 3 for \$1.00. 12 for \$3.00. Any over 12, 25c each.

Air Waves, dbl white	Dupont #4	Pansy Beauty
All Aglow, pink	Dupont Lavender Pink	Pink Cheer
Attraction	Eclipse	Pink Delight
Aurora	Edith Cavell	Pink Dresden, dbl
Autumn	Ethel	Pink Fantasy
Alaska Waters, dbl	Fairy Queen	Pink Ideal, dbl
Ballerina Bolero	Frilled Dupont	Pink Shocking
Bavaria, white edge	Gauche	Pink Triumph
Black Fringe	Geneva's Daughter	Polar Ice
Blue Cushion, dbl	Gorgeous Bicolor	Purple Lace
Blue Cluster, dbl	Helen Montgomery	Red King
Blue Heiress	Hi-Loa Light Blue	Red Lady
Blue Ridge	Hi-Loa Purple	Red Mahogany
Blue Summit, dbl	Hi-Loa White	Red Wings
Blue Triumph, dbl	Holly	Revelation, dbl
Blue Tiara	Honeymoon	Ruffled Treasure
Blueva, dbl white edge	Inspiration	Santa Cruz
Blue Warrior	Innocence	Saintpaulia Tongwensis
Blushing	King Lear	Saintpaulia grotei
Boyce Edens	Lacy Lavender	Show Knight, dbl
Brenda Girl	Lady Grace	Show Pink
Brenita Girl	Lavenda	Silhouette
Bronze Fringette	Lavender Beauty	Snow Line
Calif. Dark Plum	Lavender and Lace	Silver Spoon
Caracol	Lilac Time	Sundowne
Campfire Girl	Marine	Sunrise
Carmen, red	Maro	Sunrise Supreme
Charo	Martha Washington	Temple Satin
Christina	Marvel Beauty	Texas Fringe
Christmas Star	Minnetonka, dbl	Tinted Girl
Clementine	Miss Ruffles	The Bride
Crusader, dbl	Navy Bouquet, dbl	T-V Chaperone, dbl
Detroit Girl	New Dawn	Twilight
Dbl. Blue Heiress	Nightingale	Waysata
Dbl. Garnet, red	Noveta	White Cushion, dbl
Dbl. Rose Bouquet	Orchid Geneva	White Madonna, dbl
Dusty Princess	Pacific Shadows	Velvet Queen
Dream Girl	Pandora (Granger)	Wedding Bouquet

THE ORCHID FAMILY—Orchidaceae

The ideal place for an amateur to grow orchids in a hobby greenhouse, but in parts of Fla. or similar climates and So. Calif. one can grow *Cymbidiums* in a lath house in half shade. Temperatures should not go much, if any, below 28°. In case of a bad cold spell cover the plants with leaves, newspapers or cartons. By this method, we once saved our *Cymbidiums* when we had a temperature down to 20°. They grow well in a mixture of loam, peat, leaf mould and coarse sand, equal parts.

The hardier types of *Cypripediums*, such as *Cyp. insignis* are injured very little if any by temperatures near freezing but for growth and flowers keep them above 40°. Those with mottled foliage such as *Cyp. callosum*, (more properly *Paphiopedilum callosum*) are tropical and grow at about the same temperature range as *Cattleyas*. In their habitat in tropical Asia they probably grow in soil but the best potting medium is

osmunda and sphagnum, equal parts. They should never be allowed to become dry. They should be shaded slightly more than cattleyas.

The amateur needs references in order to learn the proper conditions and culture methods. We have entirely sold out the pamphlet, "How To Grow Orchids." We still have a supply of our 1949 Price List which gives brief but usually sufficient directions for many species including Cattleyas. The listings and prices in this 6 page pamphlet are cancelled. Order plants only from this catalog. New price is 25c. None are given free with orders.

Culture of Cattleyas. By far the most desirable of orchids. Many amateurs are having success in growing and flowering this most beautiful flower. When ordering, if not before be sure to order the "1949 Orchid Price List." Briefly you must have a greenhouse, a room or a glassed in porch where the plants will have good, strong light but no direct sun, unless a little in very early A. M. or late P. M. Greenhouse glass must be shaded by a coat of white wash or shading compound. In the home, shading may be had by using muslin curtains. If the foliage becomes very light green or yellowish the light is too strong; if a deep rich green, the shade is too much. 65° to 80° is close to the best temperature range. Note the temperature, light exposure and humidity favorable to African Violets. The same is about right for Cattleyas. You can grow them side by side. But watering is different.

We spray the foliage of Cattleyas at least once a day in summer and if hot often twice. This cools them. Do this about noon, earlier if temperature becomes too high. Do not spray in late P. M. as foliage should become dry before night. When cool weather arrives we spray less often, much less often in winter. Once or twice a week may be enough or even too much if you do not properly heat for their comfort. A little water held around the base of a bud spathe may cause it to blacken and rot off. Much water on the roots or surface of osmunda will rot the roots. Over watering Cattleyas is the most common error. We do not usually pot water oftener than once a week and often spraying is enough if some falls on the osmunda. You must study your plants and note their reactions. Success will reward you.

Customers who have bought Cattleyas from us may consult us about their plants if trouble occurs. All of our plants have been recently repotted by a professional and in best grade osmunda. We do not like the fir bark material.

Cattleyas. We offer blooming size plants in good osmunda fiber for \$5.00. These are in 4" or 5" pots. They are fine species like *C. trianae*, and a few strays.

White Cattleyas are not common. The following are mostly June flowering, for brides but do not pin us down on this as cultural conditions may result in a wide variation in flowering date. **C. Edithiae**, purest white \$8.50. Our selection of other whites, \$6.50.

Potted Cattleyas can only be shipped by Express f.o.b.

Bletilla hyacintha. Lovely hardy, terrestrial orchid. Plant before Mar. 1. The best soil contains much sand and peat. 8 to 12 lovely little purple orchids on a scape 15" tall. Price 40c. 3 for \$1.00. \$3.50/doz. postpaid. \$25.00/100 by express, f.o.b.

Osmundine, best Florida grade, \$2.00 lb. postpaid. Late fall Delivery.

For scale on orchids, spray with Thrip O cide. See listing under Garden Supplies.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tecolote Ranunculus and **Anemones**, large size for growing in pots or in the garden. Price, either Ranunculus or Anemones, 2 for 15c. 50c doz.

Culture. Hardy only in deep south. It is best to start after summer heat has gone—in mild autumn weather. Don't forget to keep them moist. Transplant to garden in deep south or to pots in north. You can start them or grow them in a cool room in the house in winter. They should have sandy soil with peat added. Heat is their enemy.

Ctenanthe oppenheimiana, var. tricolor. Marantaceae. A beautifully colored foliage plant. The foliage is striped light and dark green on upper surface with a few white stripes and blotches. The under side is maroon. Grow in 5" pots, acid soil—peat or sphagnum with sand. We will ship, out of pot, postpaid, for \$2.00 or in clay pots, by express, f.o.b., for \$1.75.

Maranta Kerchoveana. Rabbit Tracks. Nice, easy-to-grow shade plants, for pots. Acid soil. 60c.

Peperomia. Watermelon-striped leaves. They make a most attractive small foliage plant along with other small plants like African Violets. Establish in a 4" or 5" pot, acid soil of peat, sand and leaf mould. Shade. 75c, if with other plants, or \$1.00 if alone.

The last three are nice foliage plants. The following are even more colorful.

Fittonia argyroneura. Lovely creeping plant with shining green leaves veined white. 50c.

F. verschaffeltii. Larger, darker green leaves, veined carmine. 90c.

F. verschaffeltii, var. Pearcei, has broader and more colorful veins. Our botanical reference is not very clear but this is different and more colorful. \$1.50.

Codlaeum. Popular name is **Croton.** Shrubs from the Old World tropics. The foliage is very variable and is the most colorful plant that we grow with green, red, white in many combinations. It is easy to grow in pots and no foliage plant collector should do without several. We can supply at least five differently colored Codlaeums for 75c to \$1.00 each, according to size and color quality.

Pilea involucra. Artillery Plant, because it discharges its pollen explosively. Curious and very pretty. 75c.

Nautocalyx bullatus. Close relative of *Episcias* and as tender. Upright grower to 1 ft. or more. Quilted leaves of dark bronze-green, maroon on underside. Same soil as for above. A very gorgeous plant. \$1.25.

Ceropegia. The following are vines having long trailing or twining stems. They may be grown in soil composed of loam, sand and leaf mould or peat, in pots or hanging baskets. Plant at once and keep only slightly moist until started. The flowers are very unusual. Prices are for small tubers or cuttings.

Ceropegia Woodi. Hearts on a String. Sweetheart vine. Rosary vine. Heart shaped leaves. The most desirable species. 50c.

C. debilis. Cylindrical leaves. Rapid grower. 35c.

C. Barkleyi. The oblong leaves are pointed at the apex. 60c.

THE PINEAPPLE FAMILY—Bromeliaceae

Bromeliads include *Billbergia*, *Aregelia*, *Aechmea*, and many other genera.

Billbergias are most unusual and fascinating plants. Not only are the flowers in intriguing pastel shades but the floral display is made brilliant by the large vividly colored bracts that cover the scape. The leaves form a rosette and are more or less rigid. Some have brightly colored leaves and others are often mottled, striped or barred. All are desirable foliage plants.

How to Grow Billbergias. All are tropical, or semitropical epiphytes and thus are hardy in outdoor gardens only in the deep south. But they are all easy to grow in pots and add distinction as well as beauty to the window garden.

In pots, they should have a soil of $\frac{1}{4}$ sand or sandy loam and $\frac{3}{4}$ peat, or leaf mould. There should be plenty of drainage material in the pot as poor drainage may soon destroy them. Do not overwater when first planted or in winter when semi-dormant. Nor should they become dry enough to shrivel the foliage. In hot weather when they are growing well water liberally. Keep a drink of water in their cups in the center.

In the outdoor garden they should have the same soil as recommended for pots. A few, like "nutans," will grow in nearly any soil but will do much better in the type recommended. They do well on the trunks of Palms.

They need about half shade. Too much sun will burn and finally destroy the foliage. Those species and varieties having highly colored foliage do not develop their rich colors when too deeply shaded. Most of our plants are grown in a well shaded Clivia house. When well established and growing, richer colors may be brought out by giving a little more sun than we do. **Culture** of *Aechmea* and *Aregelia* is the same.

***Aechmea calyculata*.** Bright green leaves, yellow flowers. \$2.00.

***Billbergia Burkholtzi*.** Tall, slender, erect green leaves. Rose bracts, lavender fls. \$2.00.

***B. distachia*.** Long, reddish green lvs., spotted cream. Rose bracts, blue and green fls. 75c.

***B. Elvenia Slosson* (*Nutans* x *Alberti*).** Tall plant with very attractive flowers in spring. It takes a lot of postage and its fine quality makes it cost \$3.00 each.

***B. nutans*.** Mid-winter, beautiful inflorescence on small plants. Fine pot plants. 75c.

***B. nutans* x *Cryptanthus acaulis*.** Highly colored bronze and green leaves. Compact plant. \$1.50.

***B. pyramidalis*.** Wide green lvs. Red fls. tipped violet, red bracts. \$2.00.

***B. Rubro-cyanea*.** Most colorful foliage, red and green spotted cream. Green fls. edged blue. Crimson bracts. \$1.00.

***B. speciosa*.** Green lvs., striped on back. Green fls., tipped blue. Rose bracts. \$2.00.

***B. Theodore L. Meade*.** Green lvs. and large, beautiful inflorescence, continuous all year on new growths. \$1.50.

***B. thrysiflora* (*pyramidalis* x *amoena*).** Finest hybrid. Beautiful inflorescence. \$1.50.

***B. Zebrina*.** Lvs. banded white on back. Salmon bracts, green fls. \$1.50.

Collection all 12 varieties. Express f.o.b., \$16.00. By this method we can send larger plants. By mail, postpaid, \$18.00.

Big 4 Collection. *Nutans*, *Distachia*, *Rubro-cyanea* and *Zebrina*. Value \$3.50. Price \$3.25. Include Special Handling for these plants by mail. If you order them to come by express, f.o.b., we send much larger plants.